

NEW STORY!

Love and Lies

BY MUSAWO TSUMUGI

When
will you fall
into the trap?

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WATCH A
CERTAIN
GIRL.

IN
CLASS, I
ALWAYS
...



AND
SOME-
TIMES,
I WON-
DER...



...

YUKARI NEJIMA (15)
HIGH SCHOOL FIRST YEAR
NICKNAME: NEJI



I ONLY
GAZE A
LITTLE

SO SHE ...
DOESN'T
NOTICE.



DO
PEO-
PLE
JUST

SUD-
DENLY
FIND
THEM-
SELVES
IN ITS
TRAP?

I AGH...
I CAN'T
TAKE
IT...
SHE'S SO
CUTE...

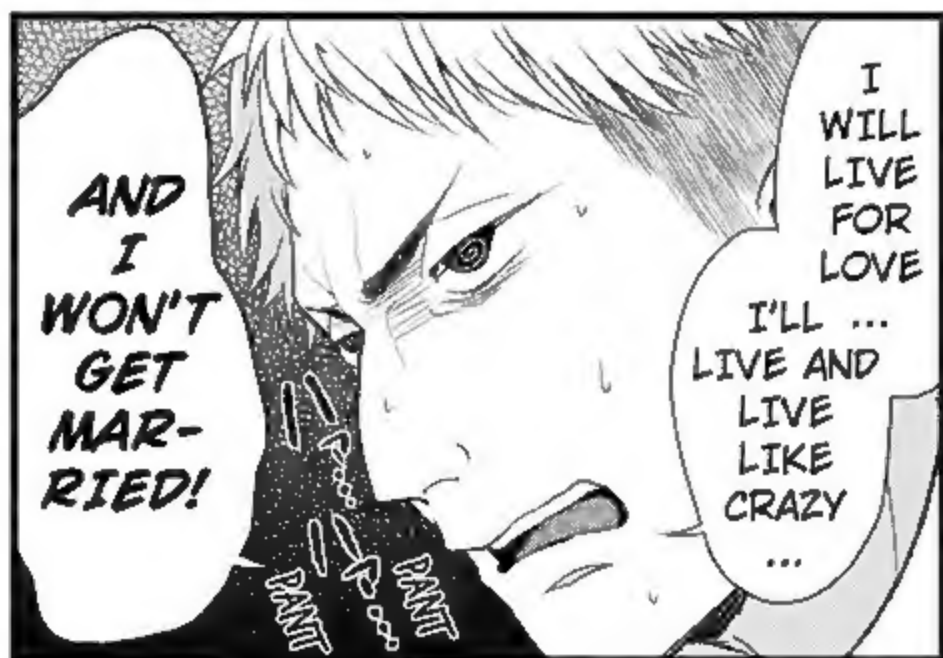
...WHAT
DOES IT
MEAN TO
"LIKE"
SOME-
ONE?



THEN GO
AHEAD, I
GUESS?

O-OH
...

?



AND
I
WON'T
GET
MAR-
RIED!

I
WILL
LIVE
FOR
LOVE

I'LL ...
LIVE AND
LIVE
LIKE
CRAZY
...



U-
YEL

I
NEVER
WILL!



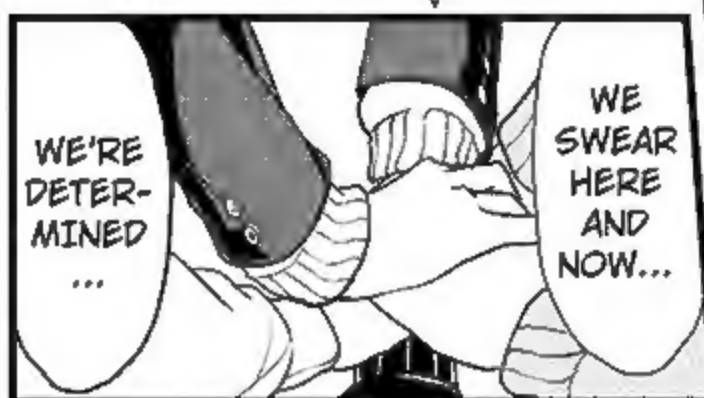
LISTEN,
NEJI!

I...

POP 3

THINK I
MIGHT
FALL IN
LOVE.







TAKA-SAKI-SAN?!

AH, SORRY. WAS IT NO GIRLS ALLOWED?

HUH?

HUH? WELL, NO, NOT AT ALL! NO, MA'AM!

EHE HE!

THAT'S A RELIEF!

I WOULD NEVER, MA'AM!

WHAT'S WITH THE MAYAM-ING?



RUMOR HAS IT THAT SHE HASN'T GOTTEN HERS YET.

FOR REAL?!

SHE'S A GOD-DESS!

BUT, WELL...



THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN HER SMILE UP CLOSE...

SHE'S A SAINT!

TAKA-SAKI-SAN...

SHE'S SO NICE...



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4:00 NEWS

Secrets of the
Yukari Generation

TODAY,
I SPOKE
WITH THE
CHILDREN
OF THOSE
MAR-
RIAGES,
THOSE
KNOWN
AS THE
"YUKARI
GENER-
ATION."

IN
ORDER TO
DECIDE
THE BEST
POSSI-
BLE
MARRIAGE
PARTNER
FOR EACH
INDIVI-
DUAL.

ENABLES
THE THE
GOVERN-
MENT TO
ANALYZE
THE
GENETIC
INFORMA-
TION OF
CITI-
ZENS...



SEVERE-
LY LOW
BIRTH
RATE,
OTHER-
WISE
KNOWN
AS THE
"YU-
KARI
LAW"

AS
YOU ALL
KNOW,
OUR
ACTION
PLAN TO
DEAL
WITH
OUR COUN-
TRY'S
...

IT KEEPS
THE POP-
ULATION
UP AND
CREATES
HEALTH-
IER
CHILD-
REN,
SO IT'S
A WELL-
RE-
CEIVED
POLICY
BOTH IN
AND OUT
OF THE
COUN-
TRY.



THEY
ARE
BOTH
NOTI-
FIED
OF
THEIR
FUTURE
PARTNER.

MORE
PRECISELY,
WHEN A
BOY AND A
GIRL THE
GOVERN-
MENT
HAVE
DETER-
MINED TO
MARRY
TURN 16...

OH!
WEL-
COME
BACK!

I'M
HOME!

DURING
GYM
CLASS
AT THIS
ELEMEN-
TARY
SCH-
OOL

WHILE
THEY
SAY THAT
CHILDREN
BORN OF
PARENTS
SHARING
THE SAME
ARE FLAWS
BOTH ...
... TALENTED
AND
HEAL-
THY...



IT'S SO
WONDER-
FUL!

THE PROM-
ISE OF
HAPPI-
NESS!

A
STABLE
FUT-
URE!

は！
FLING



IN OTHER
WORDS...

WE ARE PROMISED HAPPINESS
THROUGH GENETICS!

IT'S LIKE AN ARRANGED
MARRIAGE WHERE THE GOVERNMENT
IS THE INTERMEDIARY.



I WANT
A LOVE RELA-
TIONSHIP.

NOT JUST TO
ANYONE...

I WANT TO SAY,
"I LIKE YOU!"

BUT TO
TAKASAKI-SAN!



WELL, I...

DON'T WANT
A BIT OF IT
THOUGH.



I WANT TO TELL HER, NO MATTER
WHAT ANYONE SAYS...

5-1

THAT I'VE LIKED HER...

FOR FIVE YEARS.

OKAY!
GET
YOUR
NOTE-
BOOKS
OUT!



I DON'T CARE IF THEY SAY IT'S
JUST A "FLEETING LOVE"...

BEFORE THE
GOVERNMENT
NOTICE COMES!

YOU LIKE WHO YOU LIKE!







THAT'S ALL
IT TOOK.

WITH JUST
THAT, SHE
GRABBED
AHOLD OF
EVERY PART
OF ME.



OH,
YEAH,
YUKARI!

IT'S
YOUR
BIRTH-
DAY
IN...

TWO
DAYS.



BUT
I...

...BY
THE
THE ONLY WAY,
TIME
I'VE
EVER
SPOKEN
WITH
HER.



YUKARI!
DINNER!

I JUST
CAN'T
FORGET
ABOUT
IT.







O-OH...

W-W-W-WHAT
SHOULD I
DO... WHAT
SHOULD I
SAY? NOTHING
WILL COME
OUT...



HMM...
WHAT
GRADE
WHO WAS
WAS IT?
THE
HOME-
ROOM
TEACH-
ER?

SERI-
OUSLY
?!

Y-YOU
DON'T
REMEM-
BER?!



SHOCK



REALLY?
OKAY,
THEN.

AH! NO,
NEVER
MIND
...
SORRY
FOR
STOPPING
YOU...



SO...

THAT'S
HOW IT
IS...



SO
WHAT
DID YOU
WANT TO
TALK
ABOUT
?



...



SHE DOESN'T
REMEMBER
ME AT ALL!

EVEN
THOUGH I
HAVE A
SPECIAL
MEMORY
OF HER...





SHE'S
LATE...



I WONDER WHAT
HAPPENED...



I COULDN'T
HANDLE IT
IF SHE
SAID
SOME-
THING
LIKE
THAT!

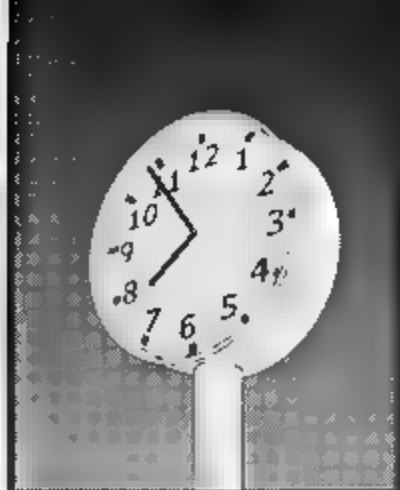
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COULDN'T!

EKK!

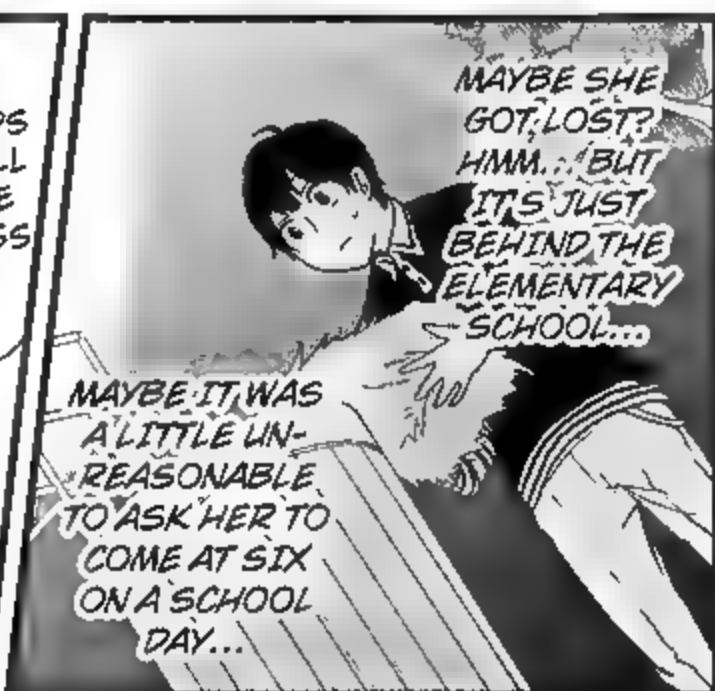
RIP
RIP

EVER SINCE THAT MOMENT,
MY HEART'S BEEN POUNDING
EVERY TIME I THINK OF YOU!

THE POUNDING
WOULDN'T STOP,
AND IT MADE ME
LATE...



MY HANDS
SMELL
LIKE
GRASS
...



MAYBE IT WAS
A LITTLE UN-
REASONABLE
TO ASK HER TO
COME AT SIX
ON A SCHOOL
DAY...



PHEW
...

HEY,
YOU
KIDS!



OH! I
SHOULD
DO
THAT
NOW!
I WILL
DO

I SHOULD
HAVE
SHOWED
OFF SOME
SKILLS
OR DONE
SOME-
THING
COOL!

THERE THAT
IS A NOW!
SAND-
BOX
HERE!

AGH!
THIS IS A
DISASTER!
TAKASAKI-
SAN MIGHT
BE WATCH-
ING!

THINK ABOUT
IT! YOU'RE
SOME CLASS-
MATE PULLING
UP GRASS WITH
A SKEEVY
LOOK ON YOUR
FACE! THAT'S
WAY TOO
CREEPY!





SCREECH

RING RING

HEY!
YUKARI!

WHAT
TIME DO
YOU
THINK
IT IS
RIGHT
NOW?!

AND
WHERE
ARE
YOU
?!

YOU
FATHER
HAS RUN
A MARA-
THON
AROUND
TOWN
LOOKING
FOR
YOU!

HELLO
?

ACK!

I
GUESS
I AM
JUST A
MINOR
...

I'M
COMING
BACK
NOW!

O-O-KAY!

BEEP

IS MY PHONE
ON REGULAR
VOLUME?!

"IN A
BIT"?!
NO!
RIGHT!
THIS!
INSTANT!

NOW,
NOW NOW!

I'LL
COME
HOME
IN A
BIT
... 6

OH!
I'M
FINE!

I'LL
GO
HOME BY
MY...

OH NO!
THE
COPS
ARE
GONNA
GET ME!

LIM...

WAIT!

GRAB

TWITCH



TAKASAKI-SAN!

WHY DID YOU COME? / NEXT TIME, A SECRET COMES TO LIGHT!

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CHAPTER 2 OF
THE NEW STORY!

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Yukari asked the girl he likes to show up at this place and time so he could confess his feelings, and she came! But then...







MY
HEART
WON'T
LET
ME!

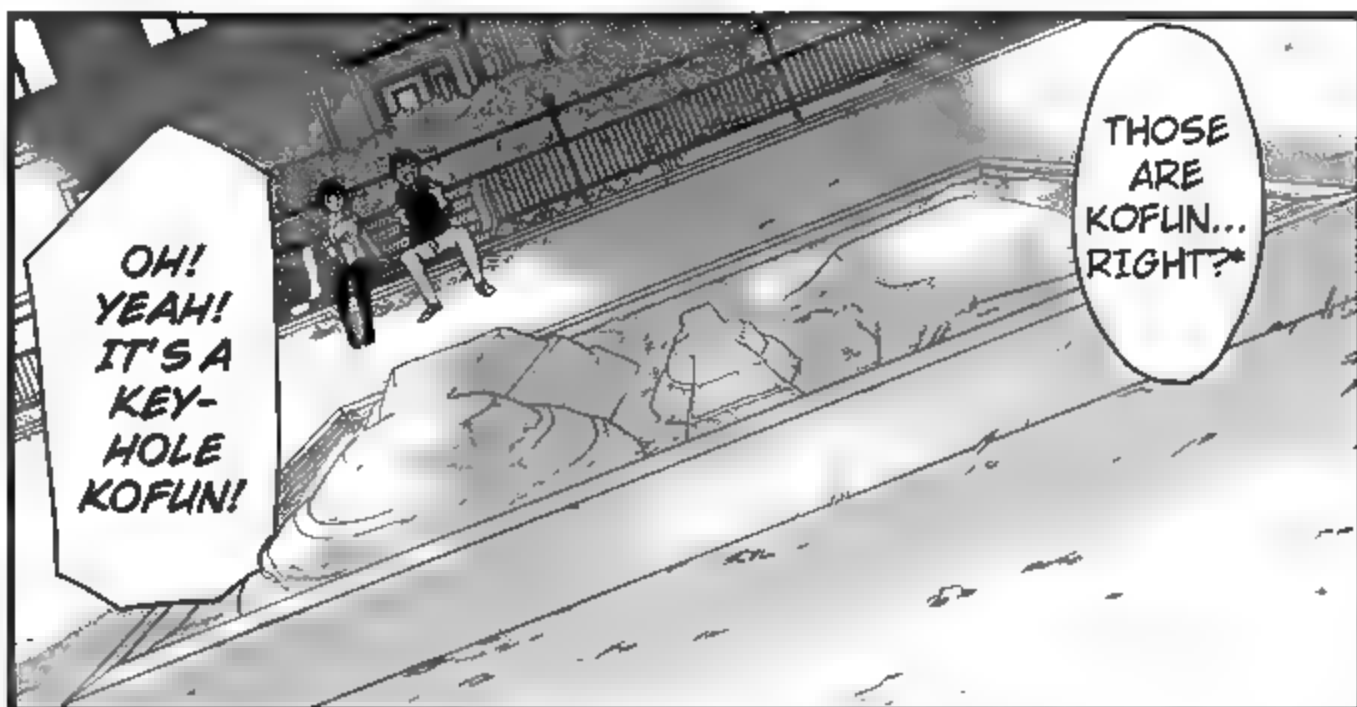
LIKING
SOME-
ONE
REALLY
...

THE
WORDS
WON'T
COME
OUT!



MAKES
THINGS
DIFFI-
CULT!







AH...

EVEN
THOUGH
NOBODY
WAS LIS-
TENING.

YOU
WERE
REALLY PAS-
SIONATE
ABOUT
EXPLAIN-
ING THE
KOFUN.

YOUR
STUDY
PRE-
SENTA-
TION.

HUH?

WELL, I STILL
LIKE KOFUN...

WAIT.

I'D
WANTED
TO DO
SOME-
THING A
LITTLE
DIFFER-
ENT!

MY DARK
HISTORY...
THIS IS
SO EM-
BARRASS-
ING!

AND SO I
DID THE
KOFUN...
I HAVE
NO IDEA
WHY I
CHOSE
THAT!

I-I
REMEM-
BER
THAT...



AH...
OH.

I
LIED.

I
THOUGHT
YOU
DIDN'T
REMEM-
BER...
ME.



?



BUT
WHY
DID
SHE
LIE?



UM...



TAKASAKI-SAN... SHE HAS
SUCH LONG EYELASHES...

AND SUCH PRETTY EYES...
THEY'RE SO CLEAR, THEY LOOK
ALMOST BLUE...

AND HER HAIR IS SO SOFT...

YOU'D ONLY EVER SEE ONE GIRL
AT ANY GIVEN SCHOOL; AT MOST,
WHO IS THIS BEAUTIFUL...



I-I...

TAKA-
SAKI-
SAN

...
NEJIMA-
KUN?



I'M JUST
BLAND...
NOT
EVEN IN THE
RUN-
NING
IN THE
FIRST
PLACE...

I'M NOT
THE TYPE
YOU'D
CALL
EITHER
HAND-
SOME OR
UGLY...

I'M
NOT THE
KIND OF
GUY WHO
STANDS
OUT IN
CLASS...

AND
I'M NOT
REALLY
GOOD-
LOOK-
ING...



COMPARED
TO HER, I'M...



IN YOUR
LEAGUE.

I'M NOT
EVEN...



ACK,
WHAT
AM I
EVEN
SAYING
...?

CRAM
SCHOOL
COST
A LOT,
AND MY
PARENTS
SIGHED
OVER
IT..

AND I
WANTED TO
ENTER THE
SAME HIGH
SCHOOL AS
YOU, SO I
STUDIED
REALLY
HARD...

SO I,
LIKE, ASK-
ED NISAKA
ABOUT HOW
TO DO MY
HAIR AND
ARRANGE
MY UNI-
FORM...

THE GOOD
LOOKING GUY

I
WANTED
YOU TO
NOTICE
ME, SO
I DID
SOME RE-
SEARCH...







IT'S
NOT
NOTHING!

WHAT
DO
YOU
MEAN
BY
THAT
?!

FLUSTERED



SOR-
RY...
IT'S
NOTH-
ING...

TA-
TAKA-
SAKI-
SAN?!



O-OH,
YEAH!
TAKEDA,
FROM OUR
CLASS...

A LITTLE
WHILE AGO, HE
CHALLENGED ME
TO MAKE SNOT
BUBBLES WITH
OUR NOSES...

LISTEN!
LISTEN!

I HATE
IT!

I DON'T
CARE
IF SHE
TURNS
ME

I JUST DOWN!
DON'T
WANT
HER TO
CRY!

I'M SORRY!
I JUST
BLURTED
IT OUT, I
WASN'T
THINKING
OF YOUR
FEEL-
INGS...

I KNOW
THIS IS
KIND OF
SUDDEN!

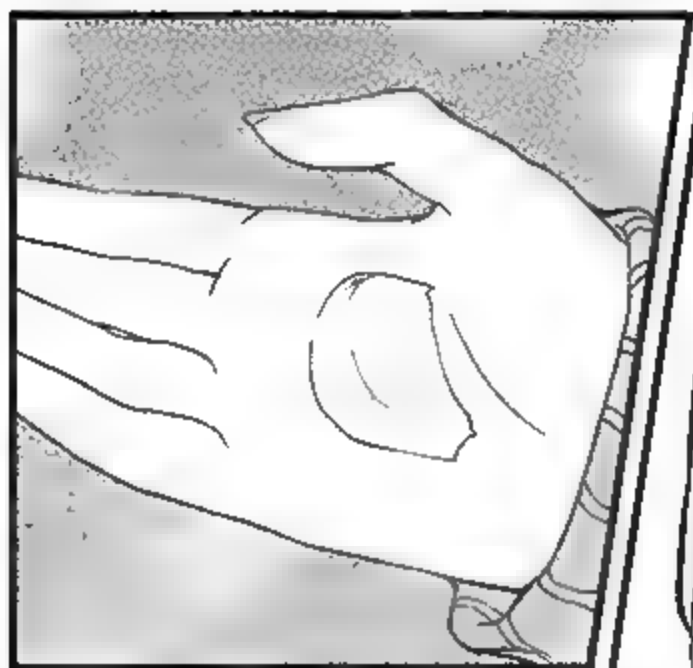
NE-
JIMA-
KUN.



YOU...

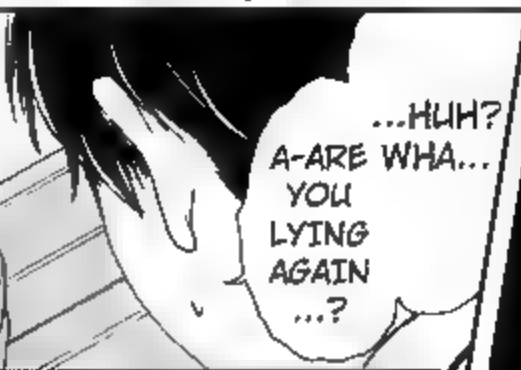
PROBA-
BLY
ALREADY
FORGOT,
BUT...

ガッ
ガッ
ガッ
RUNNAGE



I'VE
ALWAYS,
ALWAYS
LIKED
YOU.









BUT
THAT
MADE
ME
HAPPY.



I GOT
REALLY
EXCIT-
ED.

YOU
KEPT
PRETEND-
ING YOU
WEREN'T
WATCH-
ING...
BUT
WHEN I
THOUGHT
ABOUT YOU,
WORRYING
ALL DAY
FOR ME...



I-I WAS
TOO LATE,
HLLH?
GIVING
IT TO
YOU IN
FIFTH
PERIOD
...

I'D
RATHER
SHE NOT
HAVE
REMEM-
BERED
HOW
LAME I
WAS!



MAYBE
THAT
MAKES
ME A
LITTLE
SIMPLE.





AH,
WELL, I'M
NOT ANY
GOOD AT
TALK-
ING TO
GIRLS
...

SO I
DON'T
REALLY,
UM...



HUH?

N-NICE,
HUH...
THAT'S THE
FIRST TIME
ANYONE'S
EVER
SAID
THAT.



YOU
PLUCKED
UP YOUR
COURAGE
...

AND
REALLY
TRIED...

TO BE
NICE
TO ME,
Y'KNOW
?

PEOPLE
WHO ARE
NICE TO
EVERY-
ONE ARE
FINE,
BUT...



AT
LEAST,
IT WAS
TO ME.

IS
THAT
BAD?



IT WAS
REALLY
SPECIAL
...

AND
REALLY
WONDER-
FUL.



IT
FEELS
SO
STRANGE
...
TALK-
ING TO
YOU
LIKE
THIS!
I'M SO SHY!

I WAS
ALWAYS
WATCHING
YOU...



WHAT DO
I DO...?

O-OF
COURSE
NOT...



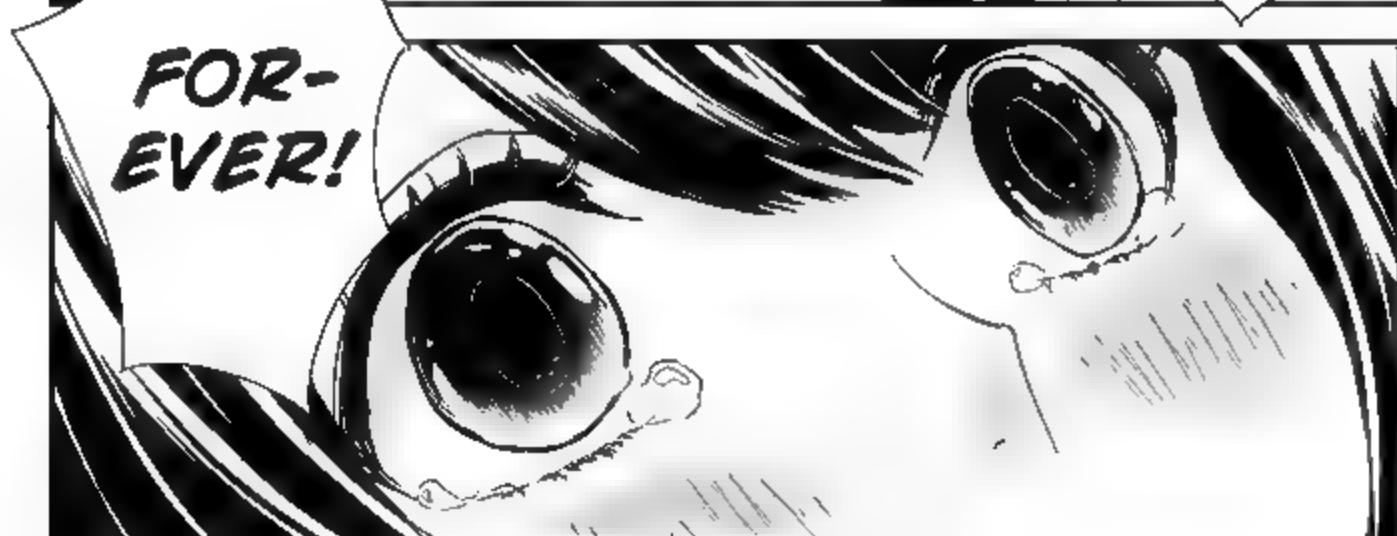
I FEEL LIKE I'M
ABOUT TO CRY...

HEHE!





I WANT
TO BE
WITH
YOU...



FOR-
EVER!



I'M SO GLAD I FELL
FOR THIS GIRL...

I FELT LIKE EVERY CELL IN MY
BODY WAS SCREAMING THAT.



REALLY
LIKE A
DREAM
TO ME!



TO-
DAY
IS
LIKE
...



NO,
I'M
NOT!

YOU'RE
BEING SO
DRAMATIC,
NEJIMA-
KUN!



LET'S
KISS.



HEY...

どきどき
PAT

THEIR HIDDEN FEELINGS RUSH TO THE SURFACE!
NEXT CHAPTER: THE NIGHT OF SWEET SIXTEEN!

Love and Lies

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“Let’s kiss...”

A BREAKOUT HIT!

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KISS
YOU...
AND
STUFF.

I MEAN
THAT...
I WANT
TO...

I...
DO!

I-

MAYBE
YOU
DON'T
FEEL THE
SAME
WAY...

PHEN

BADUMP
BADUMP

TAKA-
SAKI-
SAN
...

I DON'T
CARE IF
THIS IS A
DREAM OR
WHAT!

TAKA-
SAKI-
SAN...









ちゅっ?
DANCE



TAKA-
SAKI-
SAN...

I...

DIIIIING

DING



?!

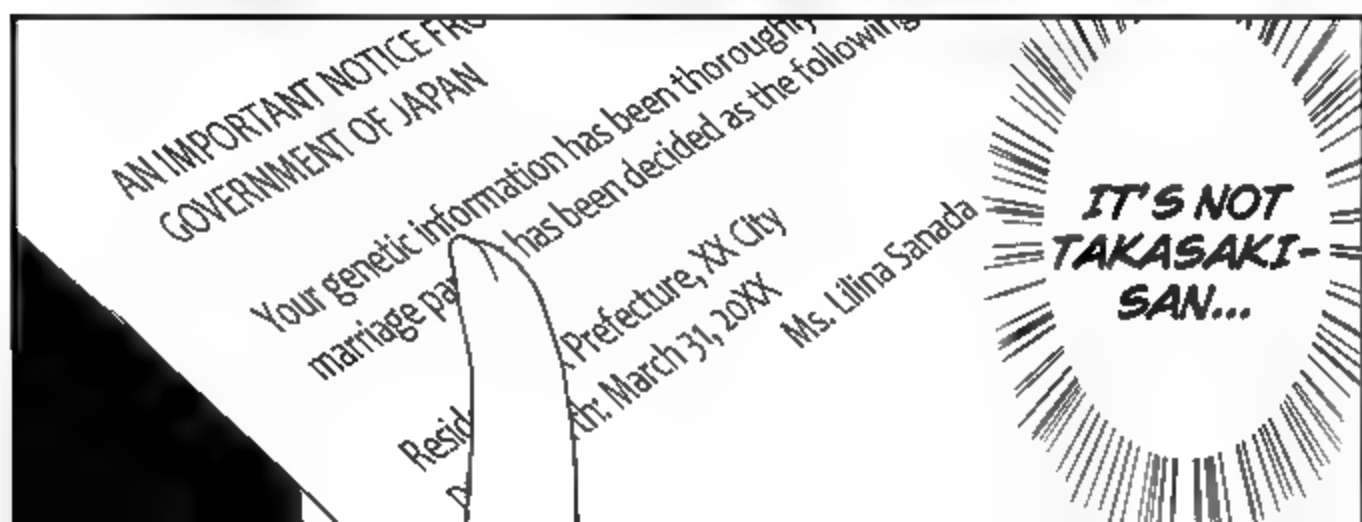
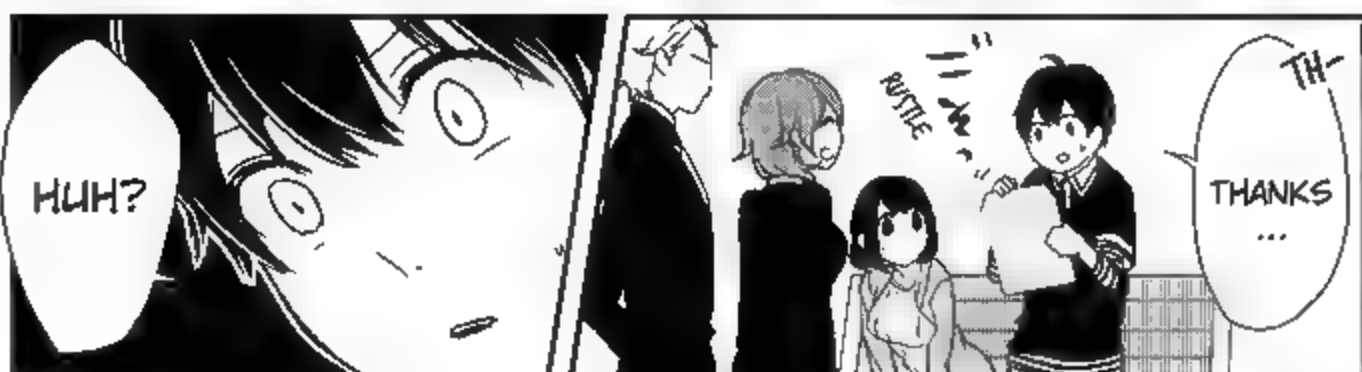


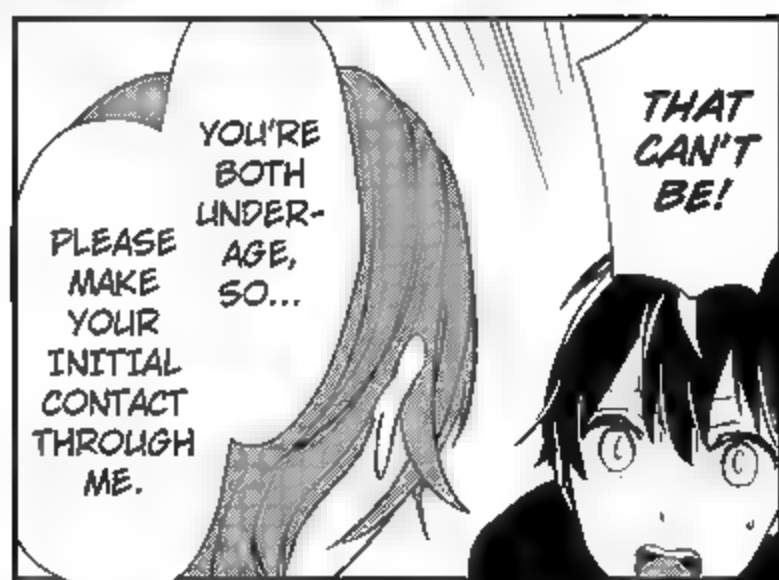
WHAT
...
MAYBE MY
PARENTS?

DING









WE WISH
YOU ALL
THE BEST
IN YOUR
YUKARI-
MANDATED
RELATION-
SHIP.

SEE
YOU,
THEN.



NEJIMA-
KUN...

HAPPY
BIRTH-
DAY.



I WAS
GOING
TO...

KEEP MY
FEELINGS
TO MYSELF
MY WHOLE
LIFE.



I...

REAL-
LY...

DIDN'T
PLAN TO
COME
TODAY.

HUH?
WAIT A
SECOND
...



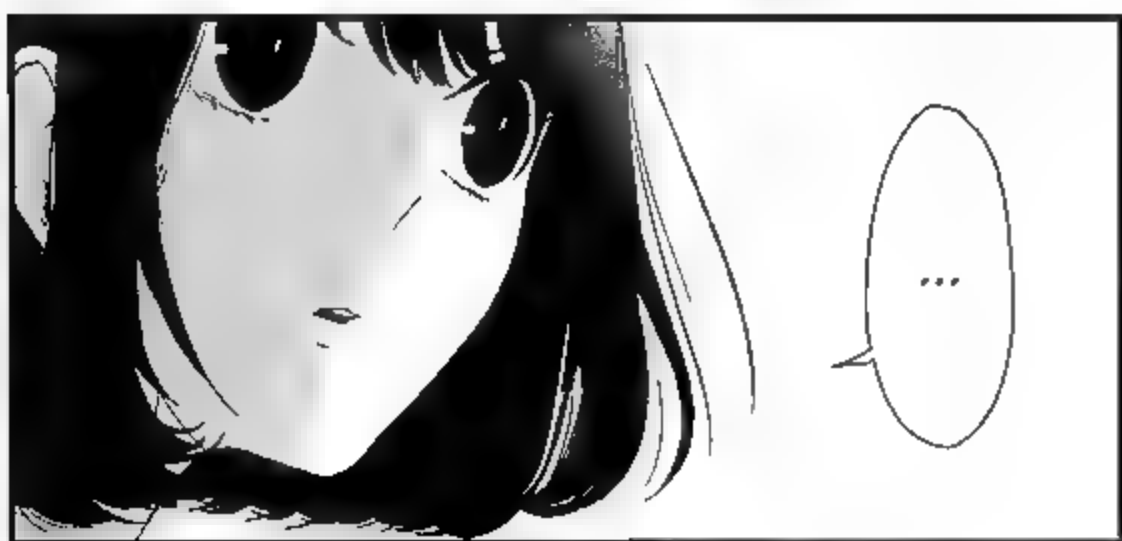
THAT'S
WHY
BEING
ABLE TO
STAND IN
FRONT OF
YOU AND
SAY,
"HAPPY
BIRTH-
DAY..."

IS
REALLY
LIKE A
DREAM
COME
TRUE.



**I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT!**

**HEY,
WAIT!
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?**



...





YOUR
FEEL-
INGS
ALONE
MAKE ME
HAPPY!

SO,
NE-
JIMA-
KUN...

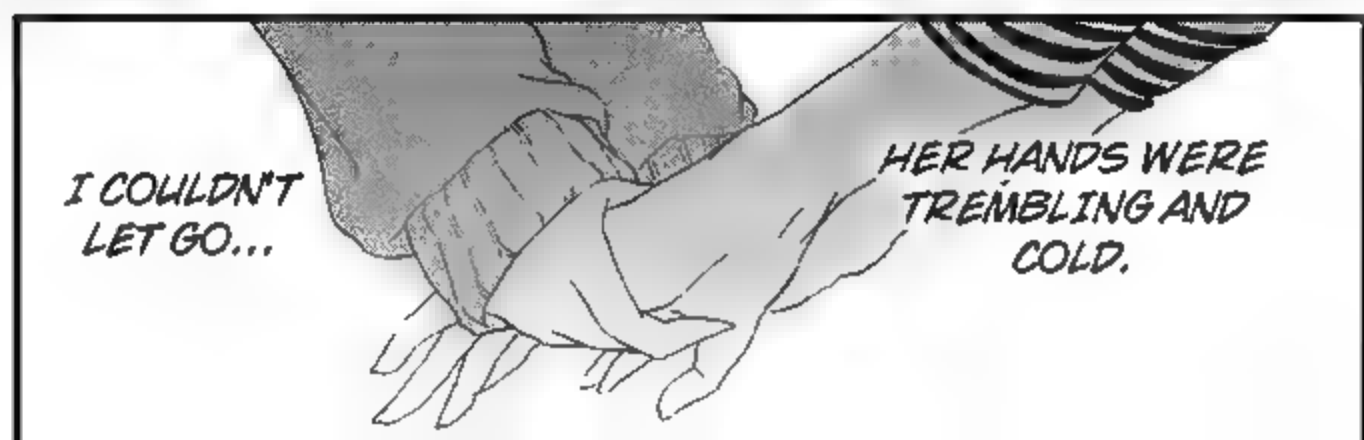


I FEEL
LIKE THIS
MEMORY
OF THESE
THIRTY
MINUTES
TODAY...

CAN
KEEP ME
GOING
FOR
THE NEXT
SEVENTY
YEARS.



AS TAKASAKI-SAN
SAID THAT...



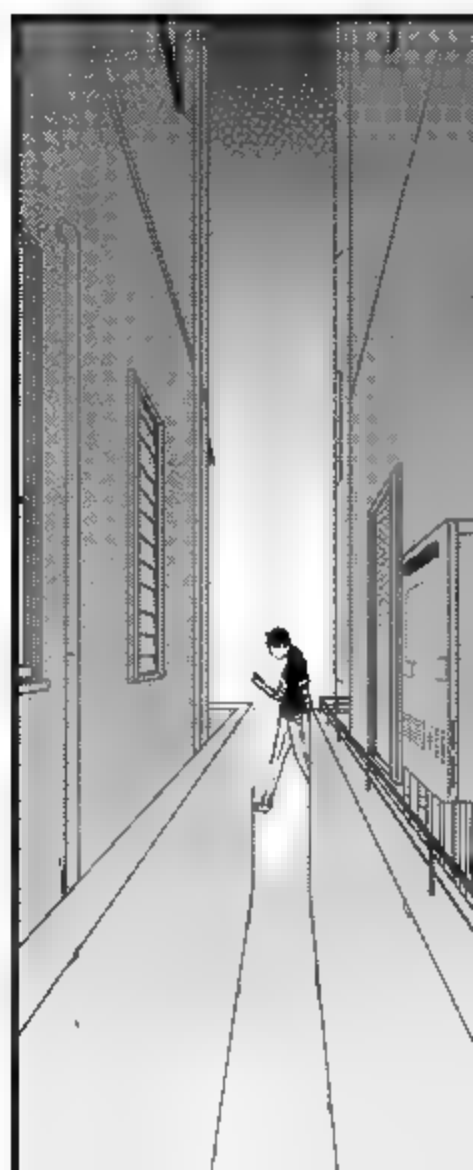
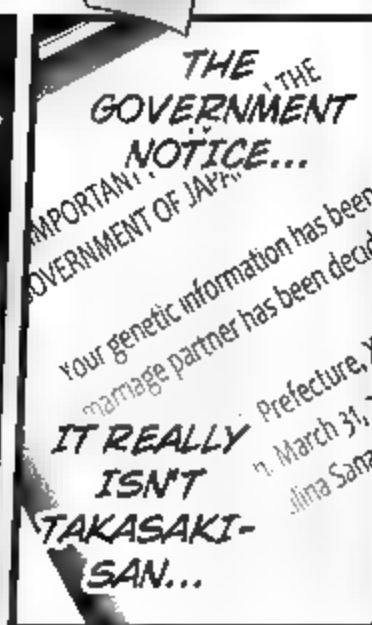
I COULDN'T
LET GO...

HER HANDS WERE
TREMBLING AND
COLD.

AND
NEITHER...

COULD
SHE.








AND SHE LOVES ME BACK...



I LOVE TAKASAKI-SAN...



HM... I'M NOT
REALLY FEELING
LIKE THAT'S
RIGHT YET...

DO I WANT TO
MARRY HER?



AND...



BUT THAT FEELING...



I'M SURE IT WILL KEEP BURNING
WITHIN ME. IT WON'T GO AWAY.

WHAT DO
I WANT TO
DO ABOUT
THAT?



I LOVE
HER SO
MUCH!

I REALLY
DO LOVE
TAKASAKI-
SAN!



...



I'LL TRY TALKING TO
HER AGAIN.

ABOUT US...

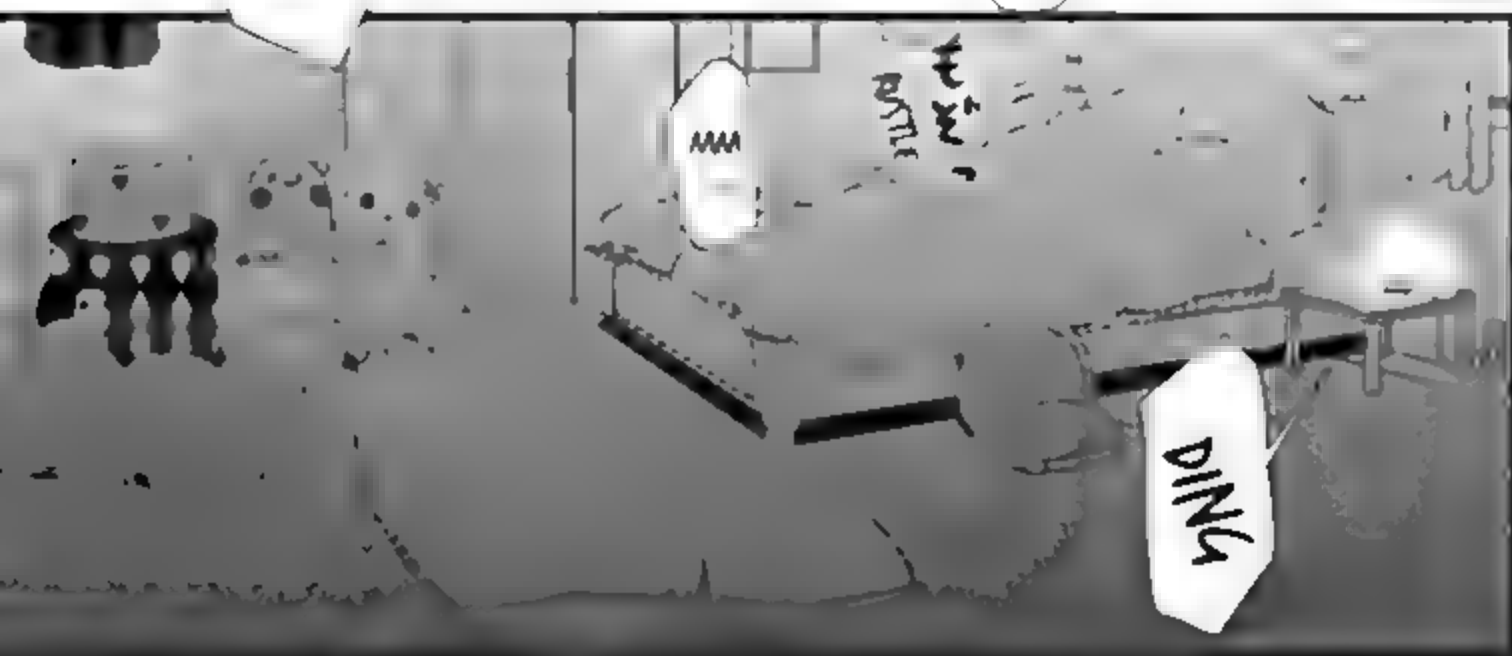
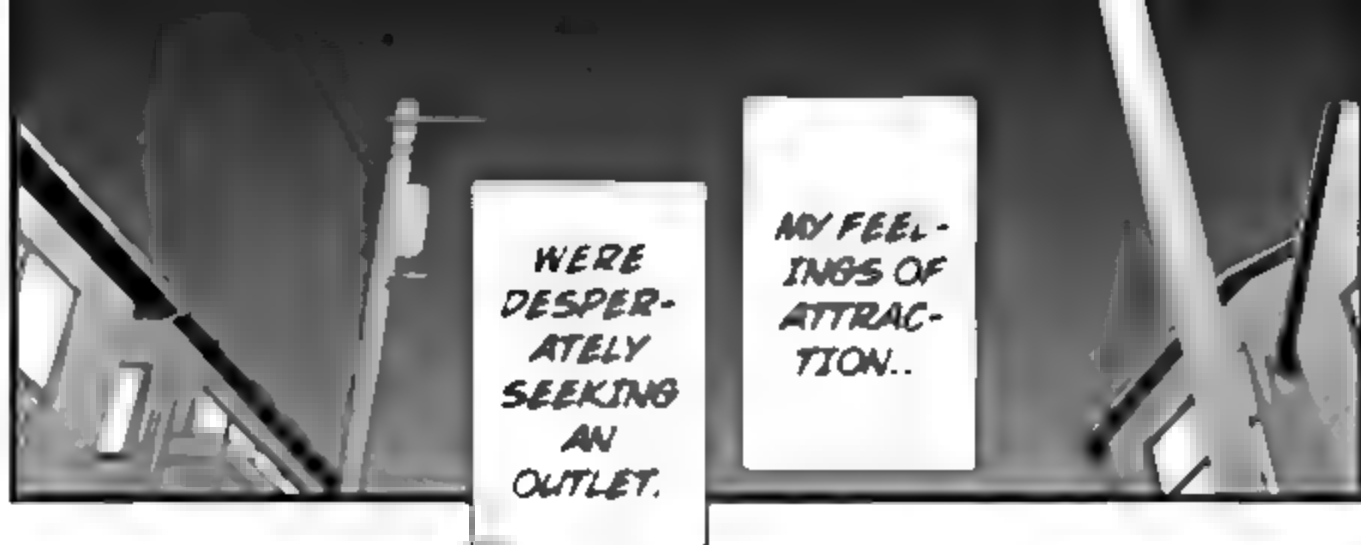
AND WHAT WE'RE
GOING TO DO
FROM HERE.



BUT IN
THIS
SCREWED-
UP
WORLD

I KNOW
WE
CAN'T
CHOOSE
WHO WE
MARRY

HER
LIPS
WERE
EVEN
SOFTER
THAN I
IMAG-
INED



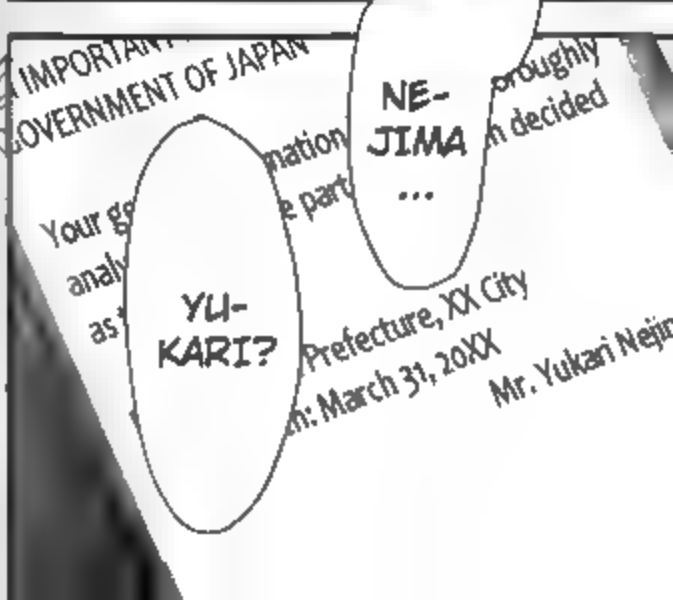


WHAT A
UNIQUE
NAME.

LILINA SANADA!
ONE MORE OUT THERE
IS FIGHTING HER FATE!
NEXT TIME: NEJIMA'S CONFLICT!



BARKING



NE-
JIMA
...

YU-
KARI?

Prefecture, XX City
March 31, 20XX
Mr. Yukari Nejima

Love and Lies

BY MUSAWO TSUMUGI

A NEW HIT WITH
UNPRECEDENTED
POPULARITY!

CHAPTER 4 OF
THE NEW STORY!

Nejima loves Takasaki-san.

The government has decided
on another partner for him.



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CONNECTION TO US IS DECIDED.

MARRIAGE TO SOMEONE WITH ABSOLUTELY NO...

THE GOVERNMENT NOTICE.
WHEN WE RECEIVE THAT NOTICE, OUR...



OH! GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK!

EHHEHE! I MET MY HUSBAND HERE TOO.

IT'S OFTEN USED AS A FIRST MEETING PLACE FOR YUKARI COUPLES

OUR FAMILY HAS RUN A TRADITIONAL RESTAURANT AND INN SINCE THE EDO PERIOD

AND I...

SO THIS IS HOW IT ALL ENDS UP...

AM NOW GOING TO MEET MY FUTURE ...

WIFE.







YAGHI
ニギー

I'LL
GET OUT
BEFORE
THEY
COME!

LEAP



REGRETS, HUM...

BUT I CAME
TO SCHOOL
BECAUSE I
DON'T WANT
TO HAVE
REGRETS...



TING
Z-O

IF YOU
DON'T
WANT TO
HAVE
REGRETS,
DON'T
FOOL
AROUND!



HUH?
WHY...

DON'T
COME
OUT!
CAN YOU
LISTEN
THROUGH
THE
DOOR?

TAKA-
SAKI-
SAN?!

WHY...

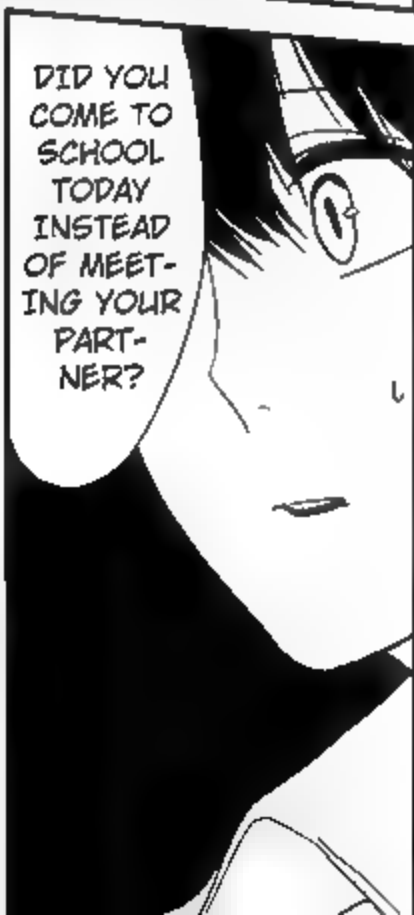
RATTLE
A
A



NE-
JIMA-
KUN
...?



YOU
CAN'T
DO
THAT...



DID YOU
COME TO
SCHOOL
TODAY
INSTEAD
OF MEET-
ING YOUR
PART-
NER?







I DON'T
REMEM-
BER
WELL
WHAT
HAP-
PENED
AFTER
THAT.



...



JUST
THAT
I STOOD
THERE,
IN
SHOCK
...



AND
THEN
ENDED
UP
WHERE
I AM
NOW.

WE'RE
THE
NEJI-
MAS!





**AND SO, FURTHER LOVE AND LIES ARE BORN!
NEXT TIME: ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE!**

A BIG HIT!



Love and Lies

BY MUSAWO TSUMUGI

The partner the government has
chosen for Neji (Yukari Nejima)
for his arranged marriage is...

absolutely b-beautiful!









*CLUBS ARE MANDATORY IN MOST JAPANESE SCHOOLS.

**A TEA STEM FLOATING ERECT IN ONE'S CUP IS A GOOD OMEN



YUKARI-KUN ...
YUKARI?



THERE'S
NOTHING
BETWEEN
US. WE'RE
COMPLETE
STRANG-
ERS.

WELL,
I CAN UNDER-
STAND
THAT.

YOU'RE
NOT INTER-
ESTED
IN ME
AT ALL,
ARE YOU?



WHAT'S
RUDE
ABOUT
YOU...

IS THAT
YOU'RE
NOT EVEN
TRYING TO
HAVE AN
INTEREST
IN ME.



IF
YOU'VE
GOT
SOME-
THING
TO THINK
ABOUT, WHY
DON'T YOU
DO US A
FAVOR AND
DO IT AT
HOME?

YOU DON'T
LOOK AT
OUR FACES,
YOU'VE
GOT YOUR
HEAD IN
THE CLOUDS
...



**I'D
HATE
TO
MARRY
A BOY
LIKE
YOU!**

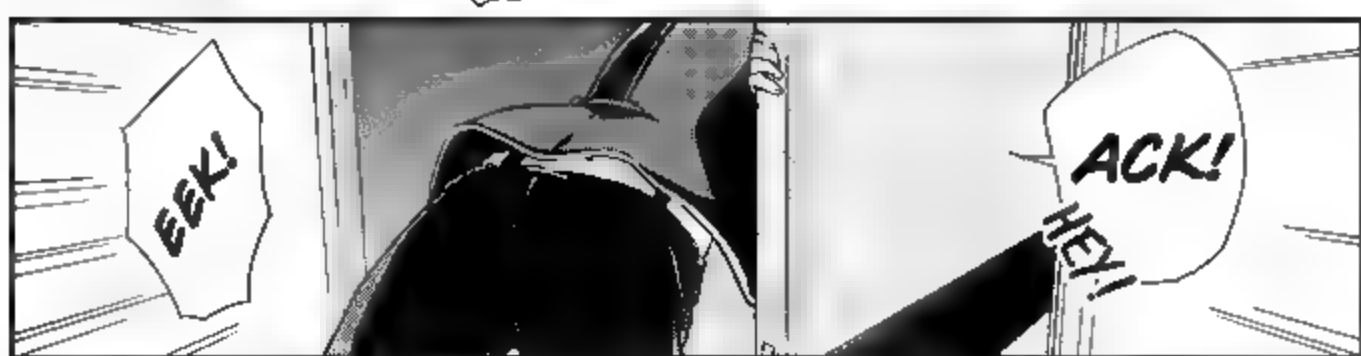


**YOU
...**

**ARE
ABSO-
LUTELY
RUDE!**











TURKEY!!

YUKARI NEJIMA IS A TOTAL TURKEY!

NEXT TIME: THE CORRECT WAY TO PROVE!

SUPER
POPULAR!

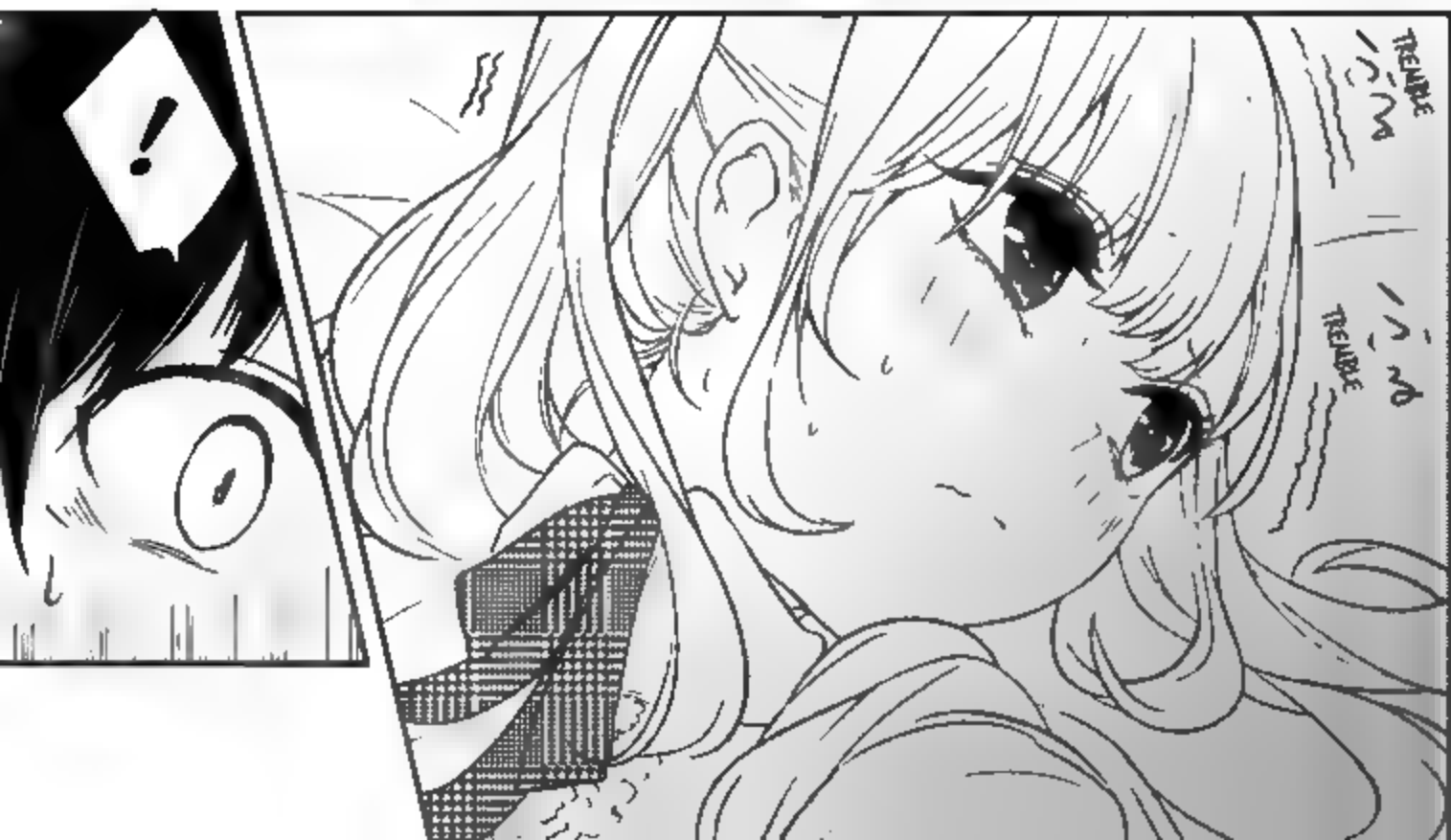
Love and Lies

BY MUSAWO TSUMUGI

At the the meeting
place for their
federally mandated
arranged marriage,
Neji's (Yukari Nejima)
new partner becomes
enraged and storms
out. Afterwards, he
finds her...

sulking alone!







MAR-
RIAGE
IS...

...

THAT LOW?!

OH!

ARE
YOU
OKAY
?!

SHE'S
WOR-
RIED
ABOUT
ME?!

I CAN'T
EVEN
IMAGINE
SPENDING
THE REST
OF MY
LIFE...

NEVER
MIND
HATING
IT OR
NOT,

I
DON'T
EVEN
GET
THE
POINT
OF IT.

WITH
SOMEONE
I JUST
MET WHO
HAS NO
CONNEC-
TION TO
ME.

IT'S
SCARY...
AND NONE
OF THIS
FEELS
REAL.

STEELED
MYSELF,
AND CAME
HERE.

BUT THE
DECISION
HAS
ALREADY
BEEN
MADE, SO I
HAVE NO
CHOICE.

I
FOUGHT
MY URGE
TO RUN
AWAY



YOU
WERE
SO
CRUEL
TO ME!

AND EVEN
THOUGH
I WENT
THROUGH
ALL THAT,



SHE'S JUST
LIKE ME.



OH...



MY PARTNER,
LILINA SANADA...

THIS
GIRL...



I THINK
IT'S UN-
REASON-
ABLE TO
SUDDENLY
FORCE
PEOPLE TO
PREPARE
THEM-
SELVES
FOR IT

I MEAN,
I DIDN'T
UNDER-
STAND
THE POINT
OR THE
SIGNIFI-
CANCE OF
MARRIAGE.

I THINK
I WAS
SCARED
TOO.

BEFORE I
FELL IN
LOVE AND
BEFORE I
FELT LIKE
I WANTED
TO EXPE-
RIENCE
ROMANCE
...



LILINA...

DIDN'T RUN AWAY.
SHE CAME, DESPITE
HER FEARS...

TO MEET ME,
FACE-TO-FACE.



WHAT DO
I DO...?

HOW SHOULD I
APOLOGIZE?



MAYBE
I...

DISAP-
POINTED
TAKASAKI-
SAN FOR
THE SAME
REASONS.



BUT I...

I WAS SO
RUDE TO HER.



AND I NEVER WENT PAST THAT POINT.











...IN
LOVE?



OH,
BUT I
GUESS
THAT'S
NO
EXCUSE.

A LITTLE
DOWN...

THAT'S
WHY
I'VE
BEEN...



OH,
CRAP!



OH
...

HUH
...?



YES

MORE
ABOUT
THIS.

HEY.
TELL
ME...

UH,
UM...

BUT
NOW,
I...

AM I SOME
KIND OF IDIOT,
TELLING THE
GIRL I'M GOING
TO MARRY THAT
I'M IN LOVE
WITH SOMEONE
ELSE?!

I-I'VE GOTTA BULL-
SHIT SOMETHING!



TALKING TO YOUR ARRANGED FIANCEE ABOUT LOVE!
THE WORLD HAS NEVER SEEN SUCH A SPLENDID EXAMPLE OF DIGGING YOUR OWN GRAVE!
NEXT TIME: AN UNEXPECTED REACTION!

SUPER
POPULAR!

Somehow, Neji is stuck
talking to his arranged
marriage partner about
the girl he likes.

Love and Lies

BY MUSAWO TSUMUGI

Conflict! Struggle!



I WAS SO SCARED, I DIDN'T LOOK AT LILINA'S FACE, EVEN ONCE.

EVERY-THING THAT HAPPENED SINCE WE WERE IN FIFTH GRADE

IN THE END, I TALKED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WITH TAKASAKI-SAN...

SHE'S RIGHT...

I'M WORSE THAN A SCARE-CROW.

...
OKAY...

WHAT WILL SHE SAY?!

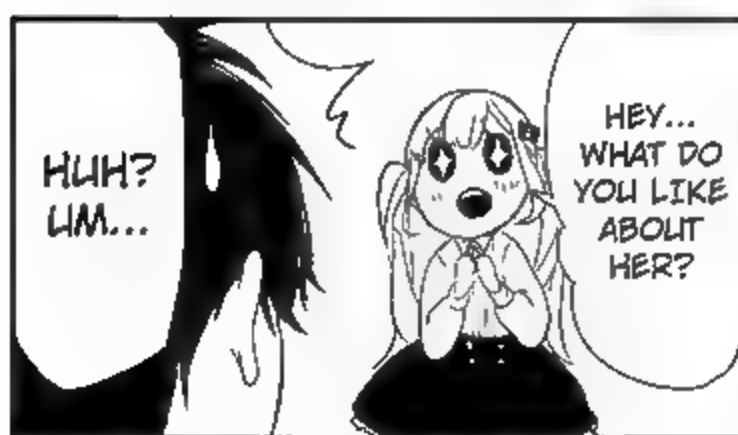
THE END.

SHE TOLD ME I'M JUST TROUBLE AND SHE WENT BACK TO HER CLASS-ROOM.

...
BASI-CALLY,

YUKARI
...

GLEE





LIKE
SUDDENLY
GLANCING AT
HER IN CLASS,
OR FEELING
HAPPY
WHEN SHE
SMILES...

I-I
DON'T
THINK
SO...

IT'S
MORE
LIKE...
KINDA
FREE AND
FUN?



SO
WHAT
IS
LOVE,
THEN?

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

...I
DON'T
GET IT.



UH,
YOU'RE
THAT
INTER-
ESTED
IN IT?



HER
SHIRT
BUTTON
IS
OPEN!



WHAT DO I
MEAN?

AND
WAIT--



SOME PEOPLE CALL THE
GOVERNMENT NOTICE THE RED
THREAD OF SCIENCE, BUT...

I CAN'T BELIEVE MY
ARRANGED PARTNER
IS SO INTO TALKING
ABOUT ROMANCE.

LIKE
YOU'RE
CON-
NECTED
BY THE
RED
THREAD
OF DES-
TINY!

BUT
IT'S SO
BEAUTI-
FUL...

*TRASHY
NOVELS
WRITTEN
TO BE
READ ON
CELL
PHONES,
SIMILAR
TO
FORMULA
ROMANCE
FICTION
IN THE
WEST.



I THINK
YOU JUST
READ TOO
MANY CE-
LL PHONE
NOVELS.*

LIKE A
MYSTERI-
OUS ORGA-
NIZATION
BENT ON
TEARING
THE TWO
OF YOU
APART, OR
POLITICAL
MIGHT...

THERE
MUST BE
SOME
DEEP
REASON
FOR
ALL OF
THIS!

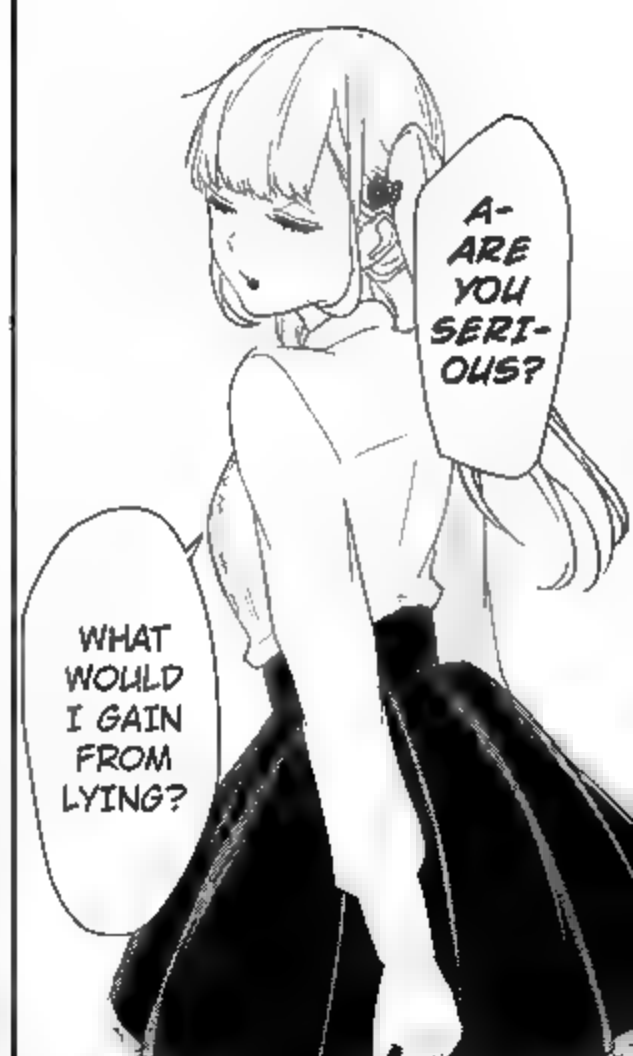


WHY
TAKA-
SAKI-
SAN
SAID
THAT.

I'LL
HELP
YOU
FIND
OUT...

IF YOU
WANT,

ANY-
WAY!









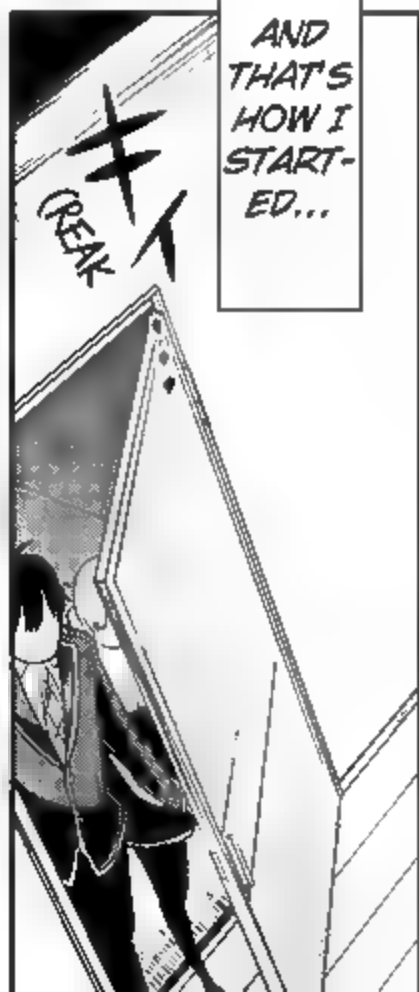
THIS
IS...
KIND OF
A WEIRD
SITUA-
TION.



TRYING
TO
UNDER-
STAND
THE
FEEL-
INGS OF
THE
GIRL I
LIKE...
WITH
HELP
FROM
MY
FUTURE
WIFE.



BUT...



AND
THAT'S
HOW I
START-
ED...

X
X
X
(GEEK)



I
THOUGHT
FOR A
MOMENT
THAT IT'S
KIND OF
NICE...

TO
HAVE
SOME-
ONE
WITH
ME...

IN-
STEAD
OF
BEING
ALONE
IN
THIS.



OH!



LOVERS'
QUARREL,
ALREADY?

LOOKS
LIKE IT!

ERK!

TELL
ME THAT
EAR-
LIER,
DUMB-
ASS!

SWACK

ハッ

SOCKS



HUH
?

HUH
?!

BLUSH

カッパ



SORRY...
UM...

THE
BUTTON
ON YOUR
SHIRT IS
OPEN...
IT HAS BEEN
FOR A WHILE

THE BIRTH OF AN ODD COUPLE?!
NEXT TIME: AN UNPARALLELED LOVE DETECTIVE!

THE HIT EVERYONE'S
TALKING ABOUT!

In the future, the
government decides
who you will marry.

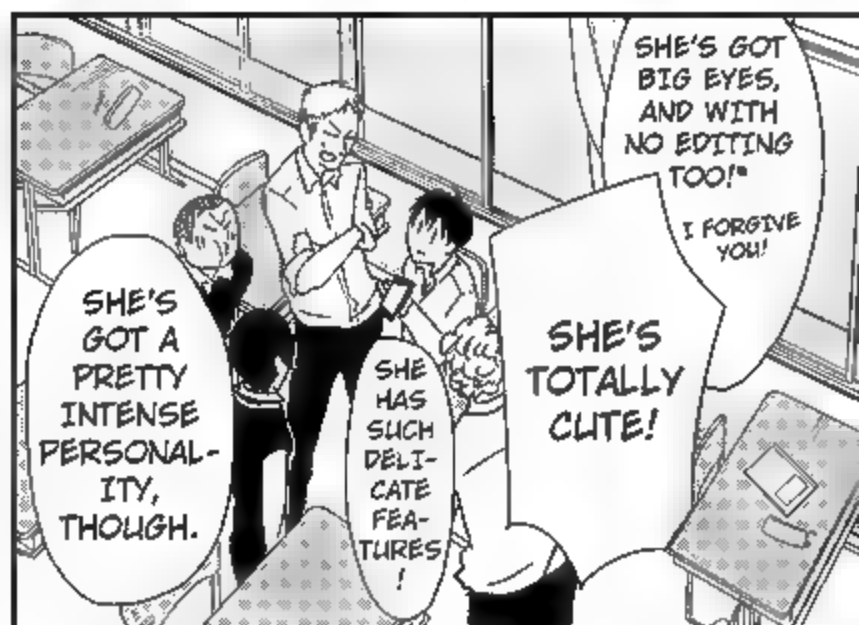
In this world where
love is forbidden, a
boy trying to live for
love is like a warrior.

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*HE'S REFERRING TO THE EFFECTS THAT JAPANESE PHOTOBOOTH'S ("PHRIKURA") ALMOST ALWAYS APPLY TO PICTURES, WHICH INCLUDES EYE ENLARGEMENTS.



I CAN'T
BELIEVE
I'D BE
IN HER
LEAGUE.

SHE'S
GOT A
PRETTY
FACE,
SHE'S
SMART,
SO WHY
IS
SHE MY
PART-
NER?

RIJOU GIRLS' SECOND
SCORE: 67

ROUTE SEARCH



YOU
WANT
TO TAKE
A LOOK
TOO,
TAKA-
SAKI-
SAN?



HUH
?



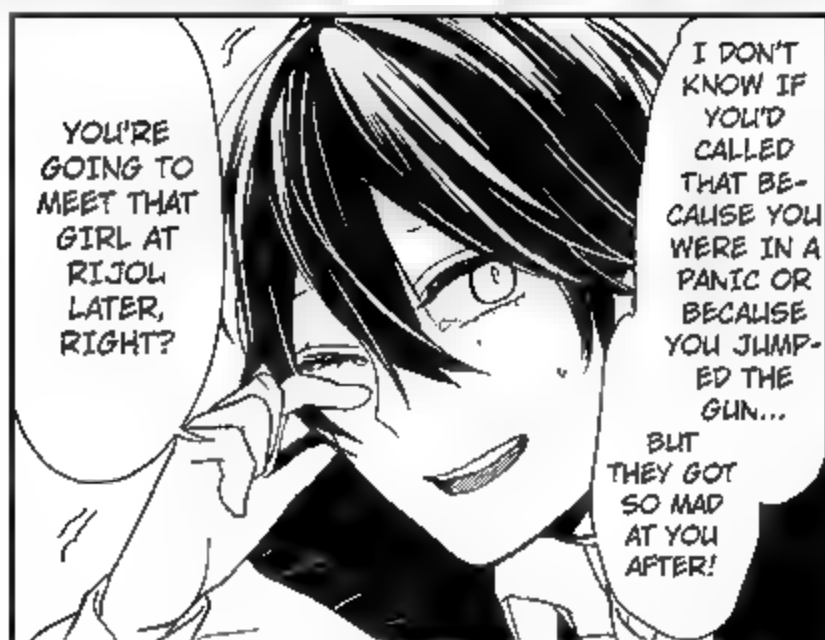




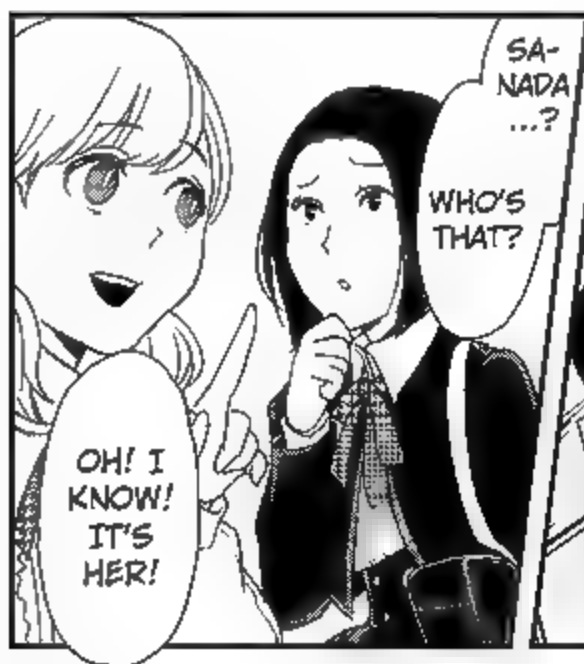




*110 IS THE EMERGENCY NUMBER
FOR THE POLICE IN JAPAN









I DON'T
KNOW
HER ALL
THAT
WELL,
EITHER,
BUT...

UM
...

SHE'S
REALLY
NOT
LIKE
THAT...



I'M
SURE
YOU GUYS
ARE JUST
MISUNDER-
STANDING
...



...



EEK!
OKAY!

I DON'T
LIKE
THE WAY
YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT
HER!

HIS IMPRESSION
OF NISAKA

I DON'T
KNOW
HER
WELL
EITHER
BUT

MAN... I
WANT TO BE
NISAKA...

SIGH... I'M REALLY
PATHETIC.

I BET NISAKA
WOULD HAVE SAID
SOMETHING REALLY
SNAPPY...



WHAT HAPPENED?



BUT ANYWAY...



LILINA...!



LILINA CANADA IS HISTORY CANADA 71
IS HIS FUTURE COMING OF THE THE FIRST STEP TO QUANTUM
WITNESSING THE BIRTH OF A NEW

Neji goes to visit his arranged fiancée at her school.

Classmates call the beautiful Lilina Sanada "Snooty Sanada." It bothers him so much...

Love and Lies

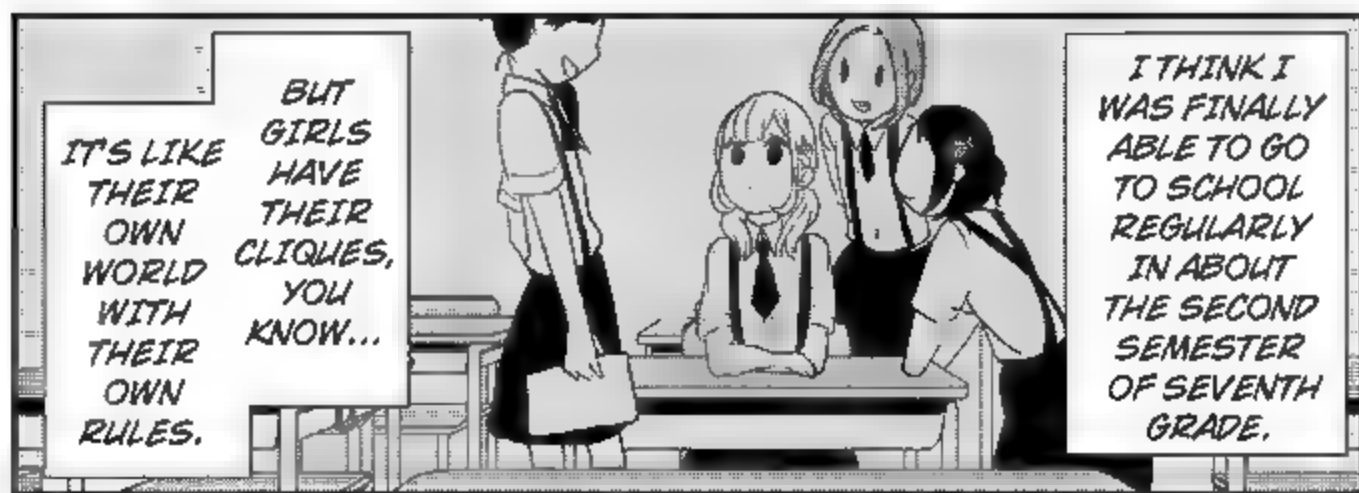
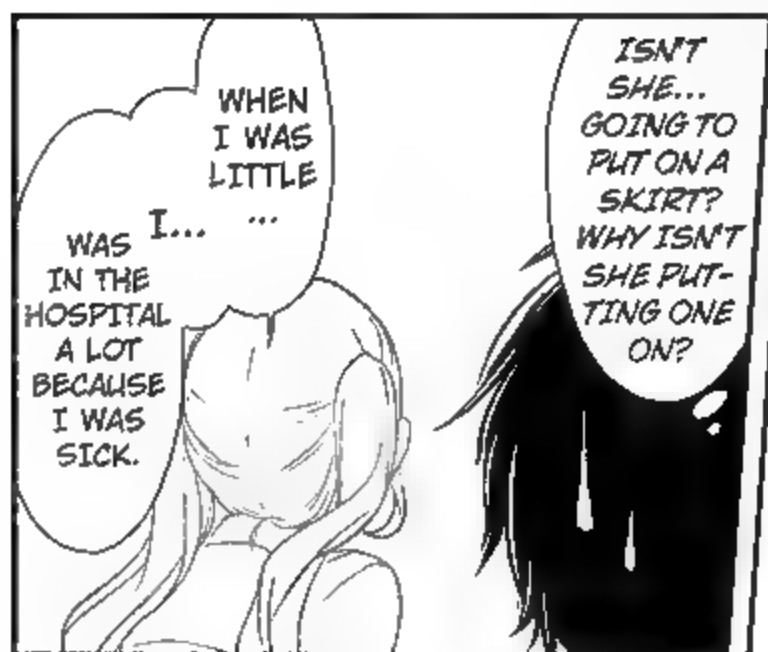
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I
COULDN'T
MAKE
FRIENDS.



I HATED
PEOPLE
TALKING
BEHIND
MY BACK
BECAUSE I
HAVE NO
FRIENDS
**I'M
JUST
A SORE
LOSER.**

YOU
COULDN'T
USE THAT
TO HELP
YOU MAKE
FRIENDS
?

B-BUT
YOU'RE AT
THE TOP OF
YOUR CLASS,
AREN'T
YOU?





THEY'RE
WORSE
THAN
MON-
KEYS.

THEY'RE
TROGLO-
DYTES.

HOW
PATHETIC.
GANGING UP
ON ME LIKE
THAT...
THEY'RE
JUST LIKE
ANIMALS.



ACTING
PETTY
BECAUSE
YOU CAN'T
BEAT
ME IN
ACADEM-
ICS?



I THINK
I'M JUST
A LITTLE
TOO
BLUNT.

IS
THAT
SO?

BASICALLY,
YOU'RE
JUST BAD
AT MAKING
NICE LIKE
THE REST
OF THE
GIRLS
DO?



OH! I
SEE! I
AGREE
WITH
THA--



YOU
GET
IT?

NOW THAT
IT'S
GOTTEN
TO THIS
POINT, I
DON'T
KNOW
HOW I
CAN MAKE
ANY
FRIENDS
ANY-
MORE...

AND
NOW
THEY
CALL ME
"SNOOTY
SANADA."

I DON'T
REALLY
GET IT,
BUT...



I FEEL
LIKE
THEY'RE
SE-
CRETLY
LAUGH-
ING AT
ME,
TOO...

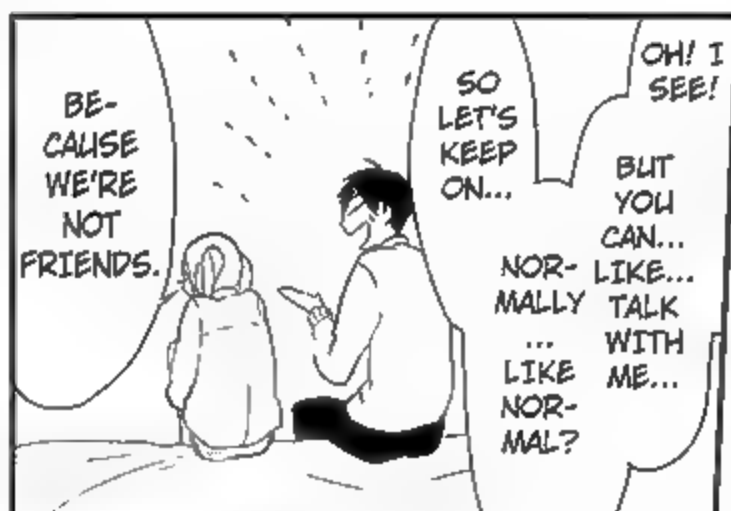
I NEVER
UNDERSTAND
WHAT GIRLS
ARE THINK-
ING, SO I'M
BAD AT
TALKING
WITH
THEM...



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

BUT
MAYBE
THAT'S
WHY I
CAN TALK
WITH YOU
LIKE
THIS!







WHY
?!

WHEN
?!

AHH...
VHM...

HUH
?!

I...
HUH
?!



HOP
TICK
TICK

WELL,
WHAT-
EVER.
LET'S
JUST
GET
IT'S OUT OF
GET-
TING
DARK.
HERE.



...



YOU
JERK!

SMACK



NOT
FOR A
SE-
COND!

NOT
AT THE
LACE
AND
STRI-
PES!

NOT
AT
ALL!

TREMBLE
TREMBLE

わな
わな



I
WASN'T
LOOK-
ING AT
ALL!

IT'S
OKAY!

NOT
AT
ALL!

JERK



AND I
STILL
SORT
OF
THINK
SO
NOW,
TOO.

SHE'S
WAY
ABOVE
MY
LEVEL.



WHOA!

SHE'S
SUPER
CUTE!

HEH!
LOOK
AT THAT
GIRL!



THIS
IS
AWK-
WARD
...

AFTER
THAT,
LILINA
WOULDN'T
TALK TO
ME AT
ALL...



A-
A-
ANY-
WAY,
WHY DID
YOU CALL
ME HERE
TODAY?

THOUGH
MAYBE I
GOT TO
KNOW
LILINA A
LITTLE
BIT.



...



UH, IS
THAT
SO...

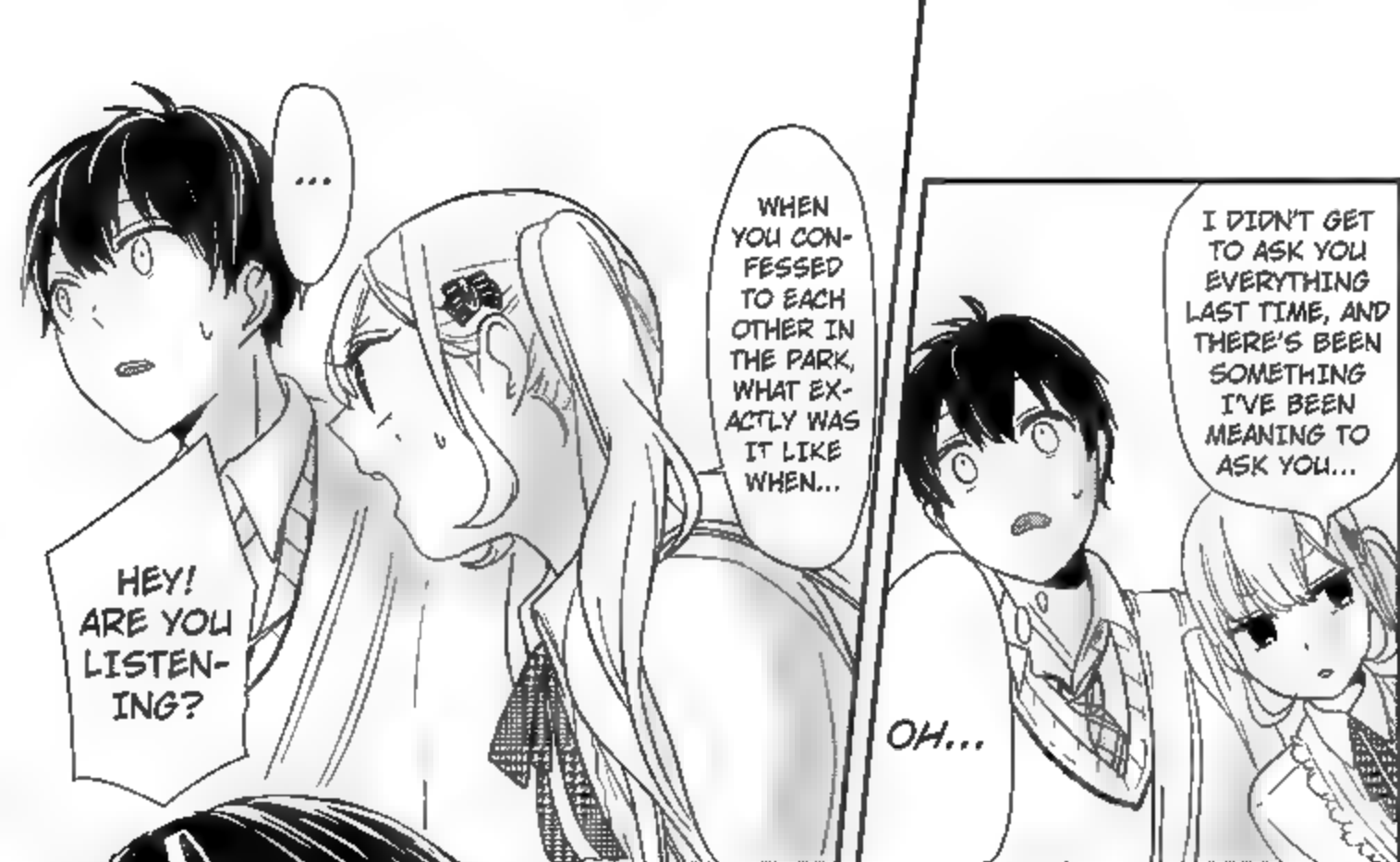
ABOUT
YOUR
AND
TAKA-
SAKI-
SAN'S
RO-
MANCE !!



NO, I
HAVE
NOTHING
TO TALK
TO YOU
ABOUT.
I
WANT-
ED TO
ASK
YOU...

HUH ?

WH-
WHAT?
UM...
I
WANTED
TO...
TALK TO
YOU.





MISAKI-
SAN?

TAKA-
SAKI...



...?



WHAT...?

LUNA! TAKASAKI-SAN!
FIRST CONTACT!

NEXT TIME: "I'M HIS GOVERNMENT-ASSIGNED PARTNER!"

Yukari Nejima (Neji)
likes Takasaki-san, but the
government has decided
that he will marry Lilina.

And now, Takasaki-san and
Lilina meet for the first time!

(This chapter is short! Sorry!)

Love and Lies

BY MUSAWO TSUMUGI





NICE
TO MEET
YOU,
TAKA-
SAKI-
SAN.



I'M
YUKARI
NEJI-
MA'S...

I'M
LILINA
SANADA.

GOVERN-
MENT-
ARRANGED
PARTNER.



WH-WH-
WH-WH-WH-
WH-WHAT IS
L-L-L-L-
LILINA
DOOOING?!



THANK
YOU FOR
WAITING!
HERE'S
YOUR
SMALL
MILK-
SHAKE.

...
SILENCE



IT DOESN'T
BOTHER HER
AT ALL? SHE
DOESN'T CARE
ABOUT ME
AT ALL ANY-
MORE?!

AND THEN WE
HAVE LILINA...!



もー
NO!
PART-
NER?

HIS
GOVERN-
MENT-
ARRANGED
...



I
DON'T
LIKE
HIM AT
ALL...

U-
UM..
THOUGH
HE IS
MY ARR-
ANGED
PART-
NER...



...



WHY DID
SHE EVEN
BOTHER IF
SHE'S SO
TERRIBLE AT
COMMUNI-
CATING?!

OH, NO!

SHE'S AT
A TOTAL
DISAD-
VANTAGE
HERE!





GOOD
JOB,
LILINA!

I WANT
TO KNOW
TOO!



WHAT
DO I
THINK

...

OF
NEJIMA-
KUN?

...



...



ORDER
NUMBER
2!

SILENCE



A KNIFE FROM HER LIPS! TAKASAKI-SAN TALKS ABOUT NEJI! NEXT TIME: TOP OF THE GENUS (SUPPOSEDLY)

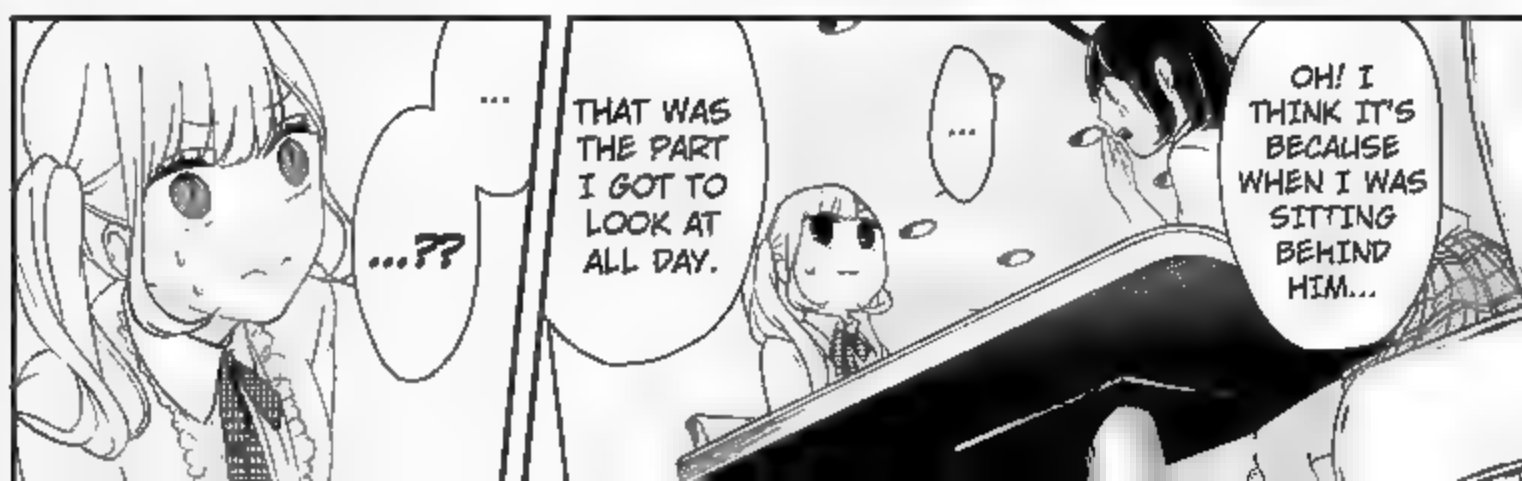


Love and Lies

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Lilina to Takasaki-san:
"Takasaki-san! What
was your problem
with Yukari Nejima?!
What do you think
of him now?!"

And then Takasaki-san...







IT IS! YOU SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT IT SOME-TIME!

IS IT NORMAL FOR PEOPLE TO FALL IN LOVE WITH HAIR?!
AREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO BE AN EVOLVED SPECIES?!



O-OH! THAT'S WHAT TAKA-SAKI-SAN LIKES ABOUT ME?!

ムンムン
ムンムン



TWITCH
THERE'S MORE?!

BACK IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, WHEN HE WAS ON CHALK-BOARD DUTY...

AND, WELL, THIS IS A REALLY FANATIC-AL DETAIL, BUT...



HUH?

BUT I'M KIND OF HAPPY.



WHAT I WANT TO ASK IS WHAT'S WRONG WITH ...

ACTU-ALLY, I DON'T GET IT, BUT THAT'S OKAY.

OKAY, I GET WHY YOU LIKE HIM.



NOW SHE'S GONNA ASK ABOUT WHAT WAS WRONG WITH ME... SIGH...

WELL, BUT...



THIS IS
THE FIRST
TIME I'VE
EVER
TALKED
ABOUT
HIM LIKE
THIS...

I'VE
ALWAYS
KEPT IT
HIDDEN,
SO...

IT'S
REALLY
FUN!



I...

DON'T
...!

HUH?

WHAT?

WHAT
DO YOU
LIKE
ABOUT
NEJI-
MA-
KUN?



HEY!
WHAT
DO YOU
THINK,
LILINA-
CHAN?



...



THAT
HE'S
NICE...

EVEN
WHEN
HE'S
NER-
VOUS?

TH-



BUT THEIR SIZES WERE TOTALLY DIFFERENT, SO THE TEACHER FOUND OUT RIGHT AWAY.

THE TEACHER THOUGHT NEJIMA-KUN'S CLOTHING WAS FROM TAKEDA-KUN'S HUGE LITTLE BROTHER!



SO THEN, WHEN TAKEDA-KUN FORGOT HIS GYM CLOTHES, NEJIMA-KUN LENT HIM HIS JERSEY...

TAKASAKI-SAN HAS BEEN THERE IN MY THOUGHTS.

ON OUR FIFTH GRADE CAMPING TRIP, WHILE WE WERE PLAYING

EVER SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...





FALL-
ING IN
LOVE
WITH
SOME-
ONE...

MUST
BE SO
WON-
DERFUL.

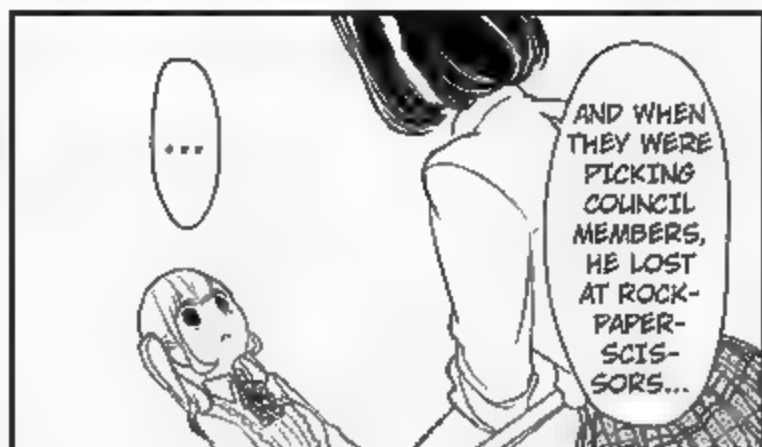


AND I
GUESS...
SHE'S
BEEN...

THINKING
OF ME,
TOO!



AND AT
THE HIGH
SCHOOL
ENTRANCE
CEREMO-
NY...



AND WHEN
THEY WERE
PICKING
COUNCIL
MEMBERS,
HE LOST
AT ROCK-
PAPER-
SCIS-
SORS...

...



*KNOWN AS PURIKURA, THESE PHOTOBOOTHS ARE UBQUITOUS IN JAPAN. THEY USE MANY DIGITAL EFFECTS TO CHANGE YOUR APPEARANCE.











HAVE
TO KISS
TAKA-
SAKI-
SAN
AGAIN.

YUKARI,
YOU...

...



BUSTLE

BUSTLE

CHATTER

CHATTER

TAKASAKI-SAN'S LOVE
AND YUKARI'S PURITY...

COLLIDE!

NEXT TIME: "KISSING ISN'T THAT SIMPLE!"

FWA
?



Love and Lies

BY MUSAWO TSUMUGI

In a world where a notice from the government decides who you marry...

Yukari Nejima is in love with his classmate, Takasaki-san. Neji's arranged fiancée, Lilina, invites them both to talk.

Neji doesn't get why the serious and sincere Lilina wants to help his relationship with another girl.



BUT
STILL,
TAKA-
SAKI-
SAN
...



WE
CON-
FESSED
OUR
LOVE
TO ONE
ANOTH-
ER...
AND
WE
EVEN
KIS-
SED.

IT'S BEEN
A WEEK
SINCE I
GOT MY
GOVERN-
MENT
NOTICE.



WAS
NOT A
PART
OF MY
LIFE.



NOT
UNTIL
TODAY
...

丁丁
DING DONG





HUH?



OH!

HUH?
?!



SORRY
TO MAKE
YOU
WAIT,
MISAKI!



...

BUT...
WHAT DO
I DO?
HOW
SHOULD
I ACT?!

OH!
DID
LILINA
INVITE
HER?



TAKA-
SAKI-
WHY SAN?!
IS SHE
HERE?!



SORRY,
LILI-
CHAN...

I
HAVE
TO
G--







GREAT!

HUH?



I'M
SO GLAD
YOU SAID
THAT!

SORRY.
I JUST
WASN'T
EMOTION-
ALLY PRE-
PARED.



LET'S
ALL HANG
OUT TO-
GETHER.



O-OH!
THAT'S
GREAT!

HUH...?

I CAN... HAVE
A NORMAL
CONVERSATION
WITH TAKASAKI-
SAN?



OH!
DO YOU
READ THIS
MAGAZINE,
LILI-CHAN?



LILINA
WAS A
LITTLE
RECKLESS,
BUT I'M
GRATEFUL
FOR IT
RIGHT
NOW!



HI!

H-
H...

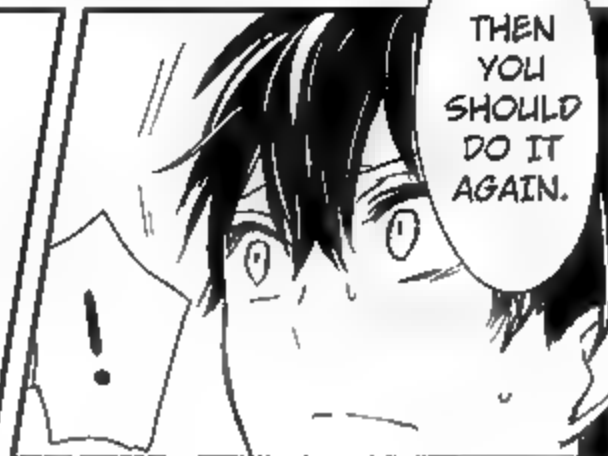
H-HI
THERE,
NEJIMA-
KUN.





SHE SAID
THAT BEFORE,
RIGHT WHEN
WE SAID
GOODBYE THE
OTHER DAY...

SO SHE WAS
SERIOUS?!







LET'S
DO IT.

LET'S
KISS.

NEXT TIME: "A KISS"

CAN A LIE FIX A LOVE THAT HAS BECOME ALL TWISTED
UP? LOVE HURTS AND AND DRIVES YOU MAD.

"You have to kiss Misaki."

That's what Neji's
government-arranged
fiance, Lilina, tells him.

While Neji is busy freaking
out, Takasaki-san says...
"Okay"!

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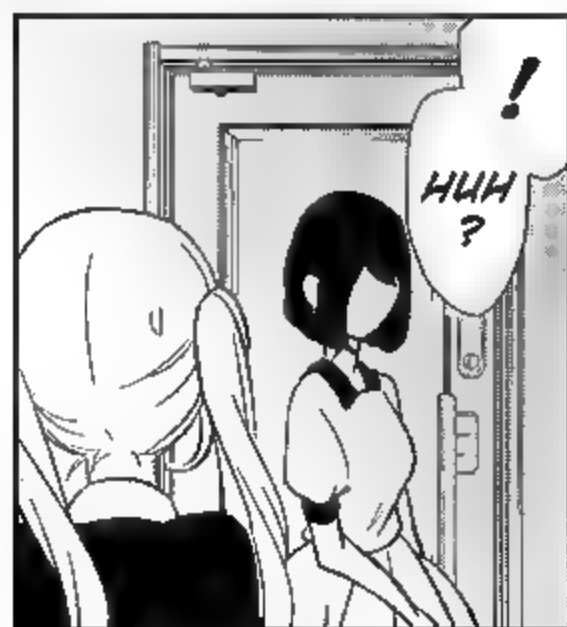
**THAT
LOOK
ON
HER
FACE
...!**



**OH...
Y-
YEAH
...**



HUH?









WHY DID SHE MAKE THEM DO IT?
WHY DID SHE WATCH?
BUT SHE CAN'T GO BACK...
AND HER HEART CAN'T GO BACK, EITHER.

NEXT TIME: "NEW ORDERS"

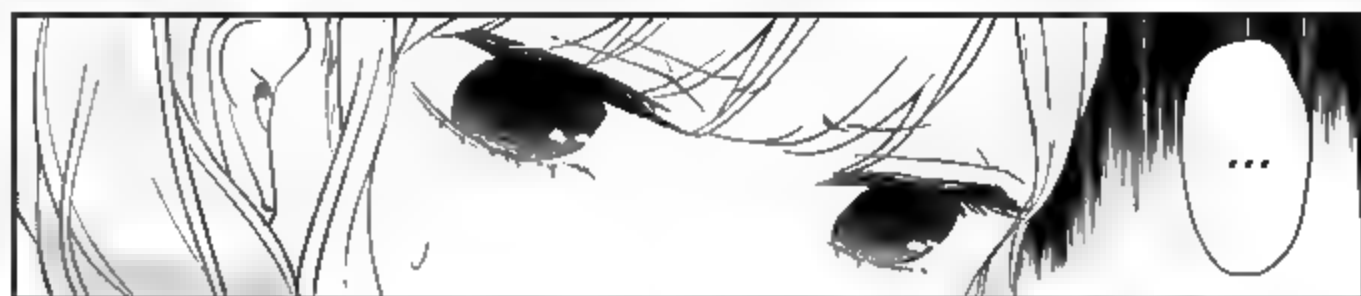
"I want you to learn to love
Nejima-kun, Lili-chan."

The shock of seeing them
kiss for the first time makes
Lilina sink to the floor.

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**YOU
HAVE
TO!**

**ONCE
A
DAY!**

**KISS
TAKA-
SAKI-
SAN!**



**IT'S BEEN
A WEEK
SINCE WE
GOT OUR
GOVERN-
MENT
NOTICES.**

HUH?



**OR IS
IT JUST
BEGIN-
NING?**

**IS MY
LOVE
LIFE
OVER
...**



UGH! I
HATE
EXER-
CISING
AFTER
LUNCH!

HAVING
GYM IN
FIFTH
PERIOD
IS PRETTY
EXHAUST-
ING...

SO
HOT!

THEY'RE
CALLING
FOR YOU,
NISAKA...

...

NISAKA-
KUN!

お、HEEEY!

NI-
SAKA!

OVER
HERE!

THEY
JUST
WANT
SOME-
THING
TO GET
EXCITED
ABOUT.

THEY'RE
JUST
KILL-
ING
TIME.

YOU NEVER
KNOW, WHEN
YOU'RE GONNA
GET YOUR
GOVERNMENT
NOTICE, SO
YOU CAN'T
HAVE A SERI-
OUS RELA-
TIONSHIP.

THE
NISAKA
FAN-
CLUB!

IT'S
TOUGH
BEING A
STUD,
HUH?

...

HEY,
NI-
SAKA.

SINCE THE
GOVERNMENT
DECIDES WHO
WE MARRY...

EVEN A GUY WHO'S AS
POPULAR AS NISAKA
DOESN'T HAVE AN
ADVANTAGE...

IT'S KIND OF
EGALITARIAN,
IN A WAY...

Ohhoo

!





ALLHOOO?

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ALLHOO?



THERE'S...

SOME
THING
WEIRD
BETWEEN
THEM...

AN ILLUSTRATION OF THE VERY ALIKE
HOTTEST BOY AND GIRL IN CLASS



WELL, I
THINK
IT'S MY
IMAGINA-
TION,
BUT...



NOW THAT I
THINK OF IT...

I REMEMBER NISAKA
SUDDENLY TALKING TO
TAKASAKI-SAN ONE TIME...

I WONDER WHAT THE
CONNECTION BETWEEN
THOSE TWO IS?



YEAH.

I'LL GO
RETURN
IT NOW,
SO YOU
GO ON
WITHOUT
ME.

YEAH,
IT WAS
LEFT
OPEN
TODAY.

THEY'RE
SUCH A
GOOD
MATCH IT
GIVES ME A
STOMACH-
ACHE.

DON'T
THINK
ABOUT
IT...

TEISE

OH...
SORRY.

I STILL
HAVE THE
KEY FOR
THE GYM
STORAGE.

EVERYONE IN OUR
CLASS KNOWS HE'S
THE BEST...

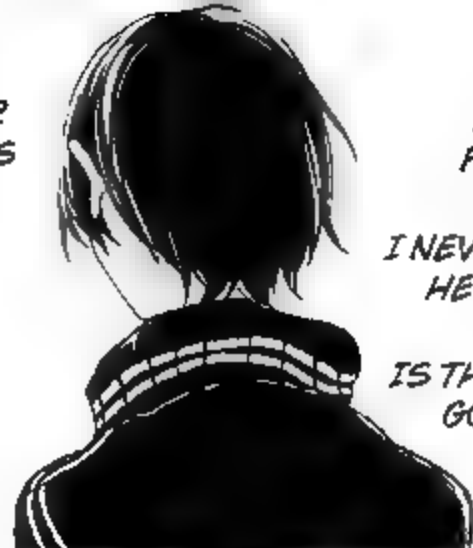
NISAKA, HUH?

I THINK WE'RE
FRIENDS, BUT...

BUT FOR SOME REASON
HE HANGS OUT WITH A
PLAIN GUY LIKE ME.

I NEVER KNOW WHAT
HE'S THINKING.

IS THAT BECAUSE HE'S
GOOD-LOOKING?



YOU'RE
NOT
GOING
BACK TO
THE
CLASS-
ROOM,
NEJI?

HMM... BUT IT WAS SO
LONG AGO, IT MIGHT
SEEM WEIRD.



...
— SHOULD I JUST...
ASK HIM STRAIGHT?

WELL, BUT...
WHAT?



LIKE, "WHY WERE YOU
TALKING TO TAKASAKI-
SAN THAT ONE TIME?"

HMM?
I'M
GOING,
THEN.

OH! I
THOUGHT
I'D WAIT
FOR
NISAKA.

OKAY.



NE-
JIMA-
KUN.



AH!
OH, NO!
GOT-
TA
GO!



...
HE'S TAKING
FOREVER...





TAKA-
SAKI-
SAN...



HEY
...



TALK
FOR A
BIT?



HEY,
CAN
WE...

TAKASAKI-SAN TALKS TO
HIM AGAIN: IS THIS BECAUSE
HE'S ENGAGED TO LILINA?
NEXT TIME:
"SORRY IF I SMELL SWEATY."

They love each
other...

but they can't see
each other again.

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LILINA
TOLD US
TO KISS,
BUT...



IF THIS
IS A BAD
IDEA?



PANT

MM...

HNN...



THIS
ISN'T
ABOUT
LOVE.



NO...
TRYING
TO
COVER
UP YOUR
LIES...

MUST
BE SO
HARD.



I CAN
DO IT.

I STILL
DONT
FEEL
LIKE...





**THE BARRIER OF THEIR LOVE HAS JUST BROKEN...
AND NEW LOVE AND LIES ARE SET INTO MOTION.**

NEXT TIME: THE LOVE OF A FRIEND